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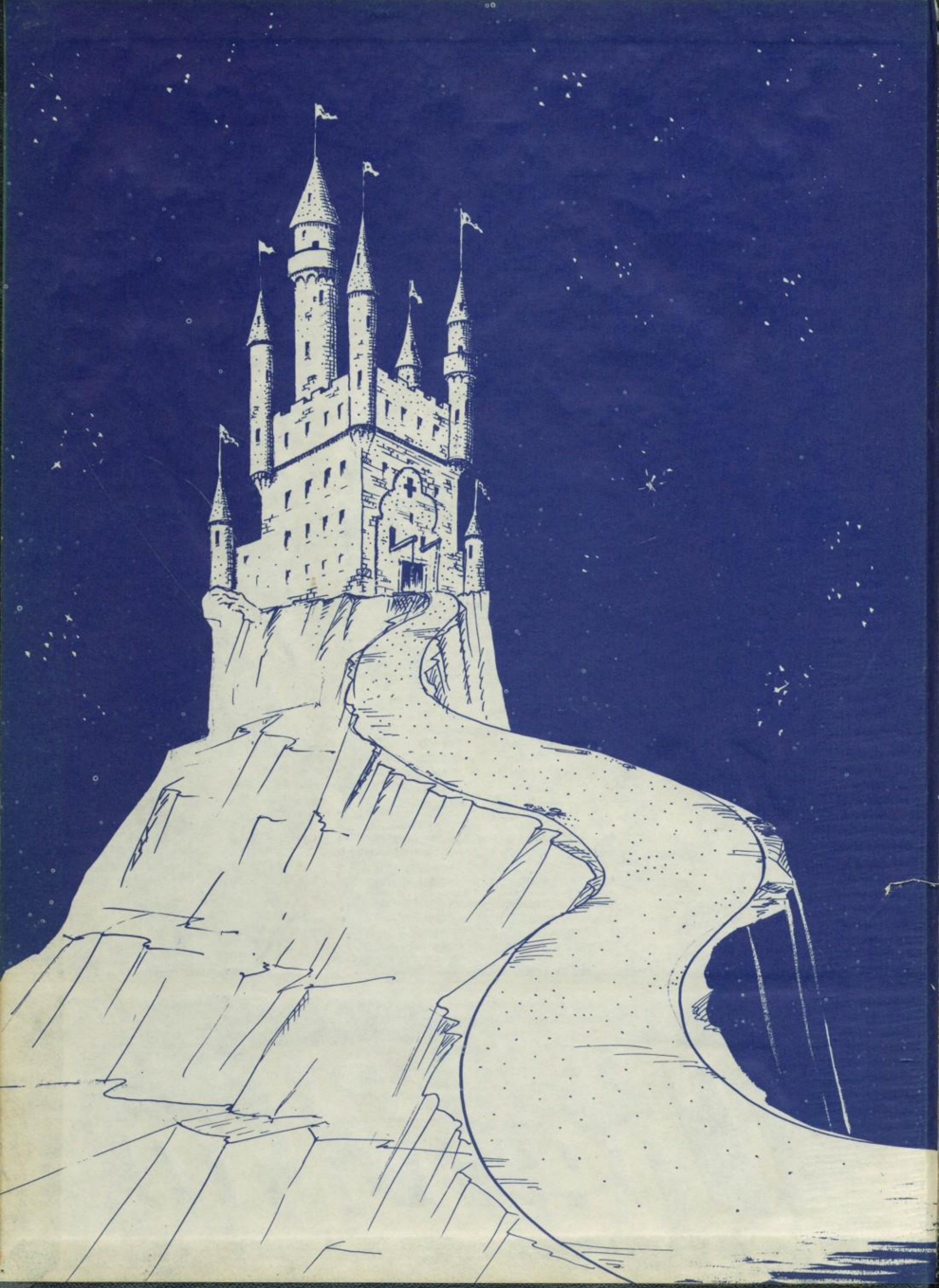

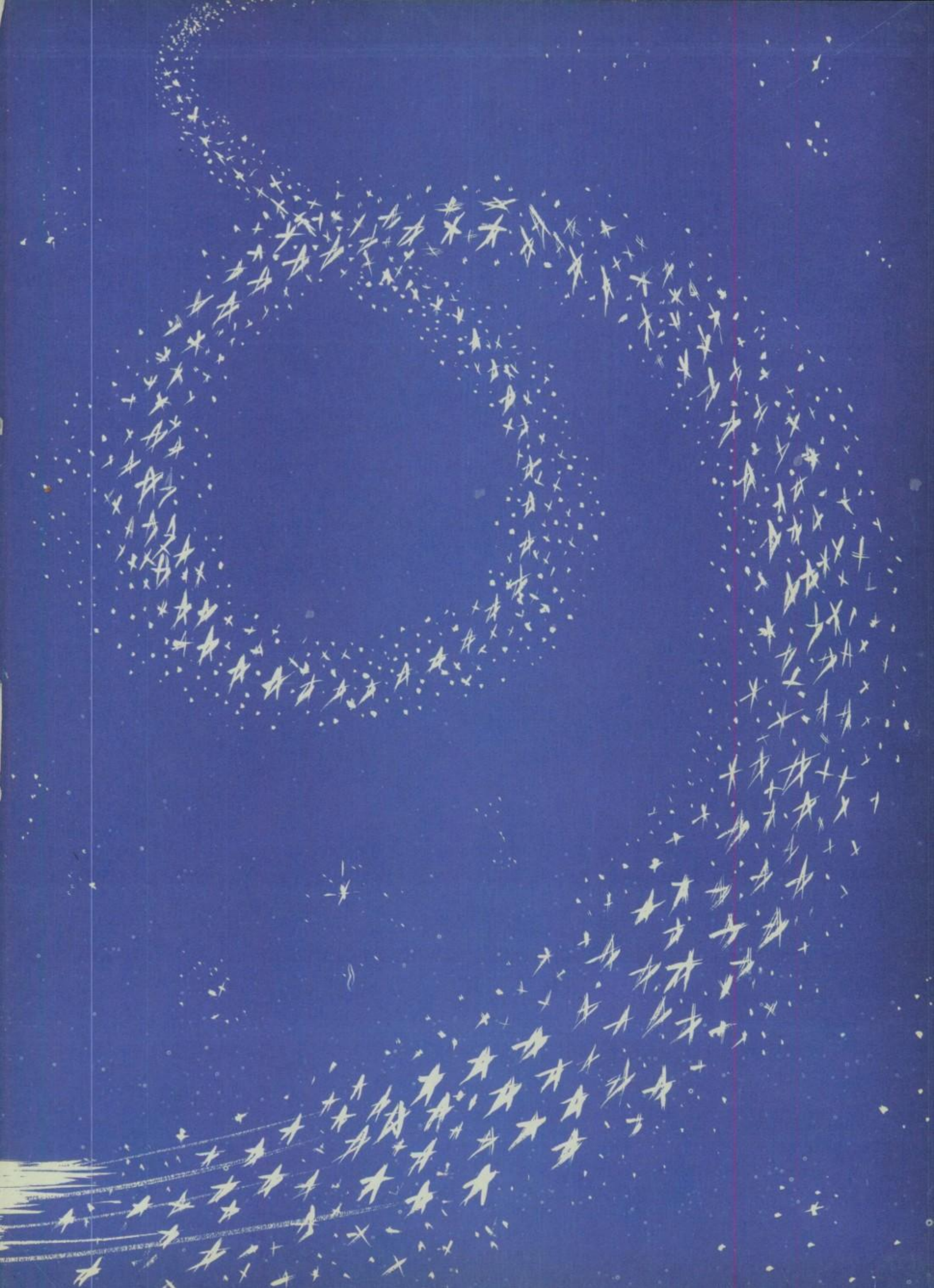

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Fantasy

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WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Foreward

Fantasy has been chosen as the theme of our yearbook. The origin of this word "fantasy" is unknown. It has been present in the English language for centuries and in the minds of men almost since time began. The first man who allowed his mind to enter the world of dreams brought fantasy into use.

Today, our homes and our libraries possess innumerable books that contain stories of fantasy that we have inherited from the ages. Many people of our time are contributing even more to fantasy. Walt Disney, as a prime example, has awakened the spirit of fantasy in the hearts of young and old alike.

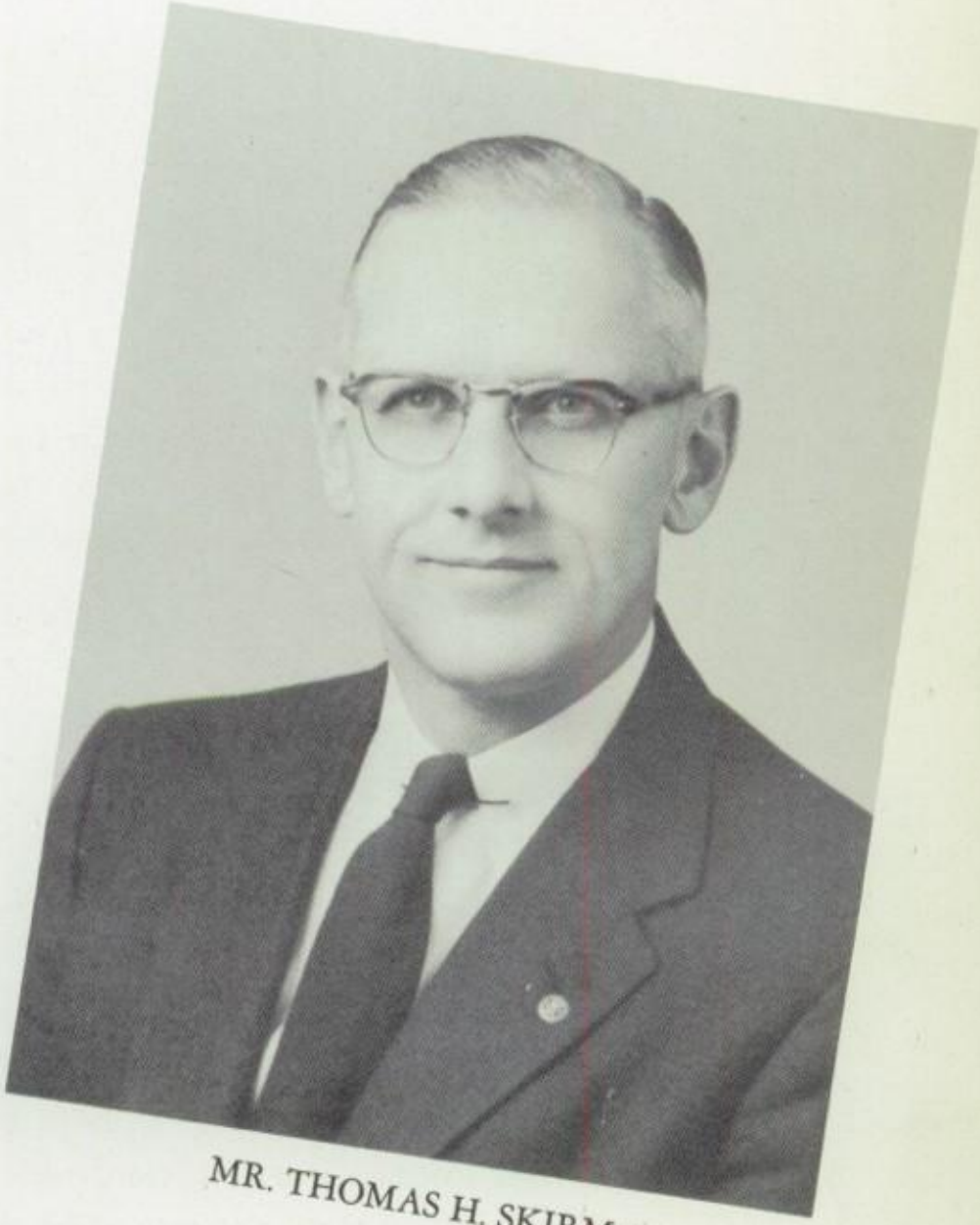
Fantasy is a word that calls to mind all the beauty created by the imagination — castles in the sky, knights in shining armor, wonderlands . . .

Ours is an age of stark reality; our thoughts concern scientific achievements, the defense of nations against aggression, the building of factories and skyscrapers, crime. However, there are certain groups of people who have no thoughts of these problems. We are such a group, we, the Class of 1956, who are rapidly approaching graduation from high school. We are concerned with all the happiness and joys that life is waiting to offer us, just as the happiness and joy that reigns in the castles in the sky. Our minds are filled with exalted ambitions of adventure, prosperity, success. We will soon be entering the world and we seek to conquer it, as knights in armor in quest of life's challenges. The world is our wonderland, teeming with mystery, marvels and mirth. We consider not the burdens of the world but lightheartedness, and Alice-in-Wonderland curiosity and gaiety.

Years after our graduation ceremonies have been completed, we will retain in our hearts the memories of our high school days as a wonderful dream; we will remember these days among the happiest of our lives. The laughter and the fun, parties and dances, the excitement and thrills of the athletic events, and the friendships that we have enjoyed will create this dream. We will reap from these memories the same pleasant feeling that we obtained from our experiences with fantasy.

Dedication

MISS A. RAE COLSON



MR. THOMAS H. SKIRM

We, the Class of 1956,
proudly dedicate this, our yearbook,
to
Miss A. Rae Colson
and
Mr. Thomas H. Skrim
who have given generously of
their time and have contributed
much to our pleasure and welfare.

Queen of Hearts' Message

We are about to cross an important bridge in our lives, the bridge of high school graduation. We are proud to be the first class to complete three gratifying years in this beautiful school of ours.

Soon we shall receive our diplomas with satisfaction, as they signify three years of achievement and learning which will help us to succeed with confidence and understanding of the problems in the great world which lies before us. Our paths will lead us into many different fields of life, but we shall always look back with fond memories to the many happy moments of our high school days.

Assembling this book has been a work of pleasure, but it would not have been possible without the invaluable guidance of Miss A. Rae Colson, faculty adviser, and the tireless support of each member of the staff. To each of these I should like to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation.

I should like to express my appreciation to Mr. Fred A. Clark for our inside cover design, to Bill Kolouch for his help with our Photography, and to Brown Studio. To O'Toole and Sons, Incorporated, go our grateful thanks for their co-operation. Our deepest gratitude also is extended to our teachers and advisers who have unselfishly guided us through these memorable years.

May I express my sincere thanks and humble gratefulness to the Class of '56 for electing me editor-in-chief of our yearbook. Working for you and with you has been a great privilege and pleasure which I shall always cherish.

I wish to every one of you, fellow classmates, the very best of fortune and happiness in the future. May God bless you all!

King of Hearts' Message

If I were to ask you — "the Class of 1956" — what you wanted most in the world, I think your answer would be, "A world at Peace." But is a world at peace a possibility or just a meaningless dream? A world of peace can only come about through our careful planning, and by having faith in our ability to change. What we want is the right to live, to progress, and to share in fairness and justice the richness of the earth. We should share these things with all peoples of all races and religions, be they Jew, Catholic, or Protestant, black or white, for in the words of the Declaration of Independence "all men are created equal."

We cannot, we must not, just dream and think of these things. We must actually do something about them. What can we do? We can start by building in ourselves the best possible human traits of self-control, ability to get along with other peoples, to think logically, to be tolerant of other's customs and opinions. And just as one molecule sets in motion a chain reaction, one righteous person will set in motion the reaction of peace and love.

I will close, leaving not only to the Class of 1956 but to everyone everywhere this little poem to think about.

"Unless within my heart I hold
Abiding peace
No league of nations can succeed
Nor will strife cease.
If I myself see every fault
In kin and friend
The world may never see the day
When war will end."

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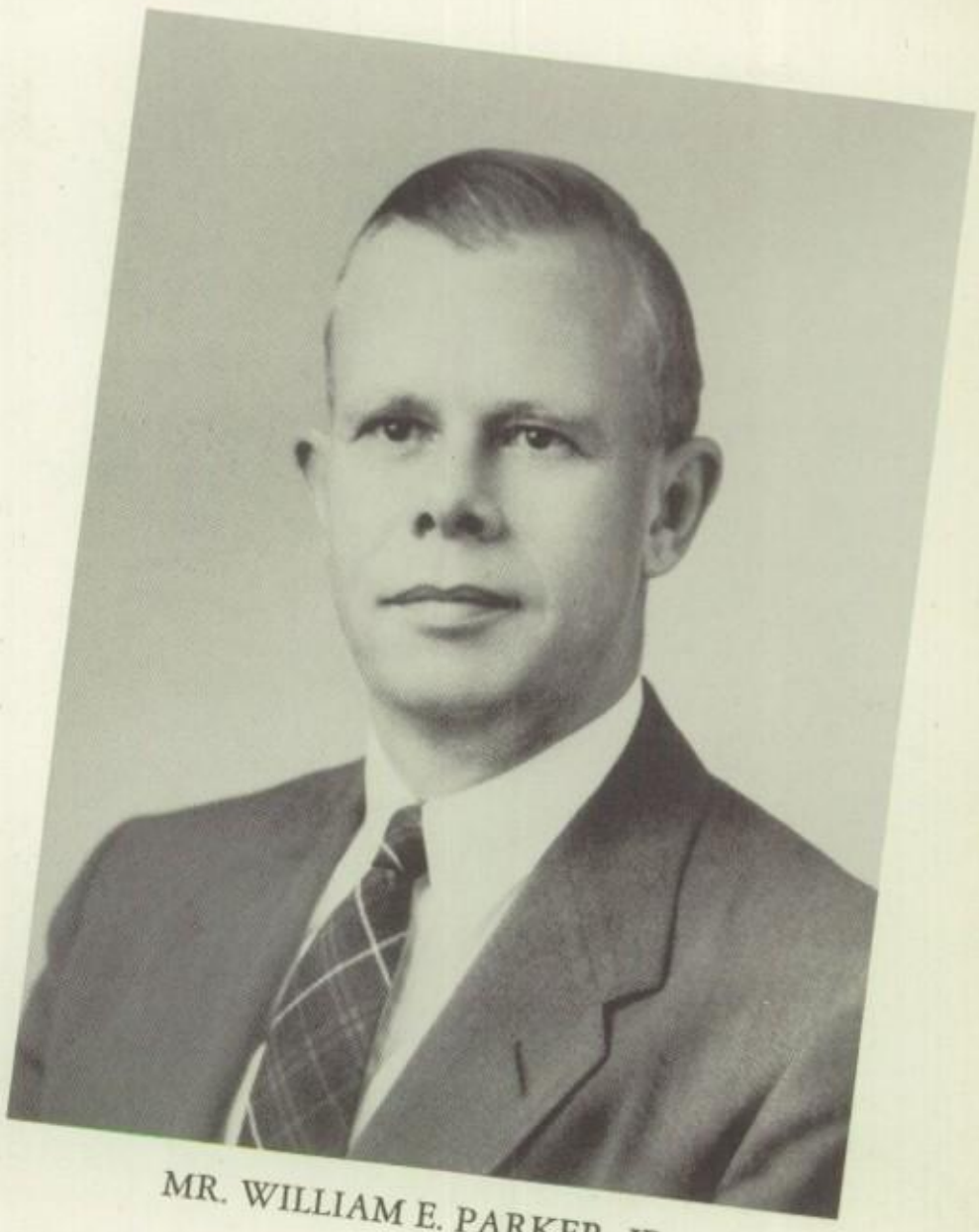

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go our sincere thanks for their
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MARCELLE ALBERT

"To be good is to be happy."

Marcie . . . cute . . . tall . . . clear thinker . . . efficient and dependable loves a good time . . . "It was exactly like it, only different" . . . excellent dancer . . . whiz at roller skating . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . plans to attend college . . . she's sure to be a success.

Girls' Sports 4; Girls' Chorus 4; Mixed Choir 3; Senior Play Production Staff 4.

MARY BALFORE

"Keep your face in the sunshine, and you cannot see the shadow."

Mary . . . cute . . . sparkling brown eyes . . . seldom seen without a smile . . . lover of popular music . . . good dancer . . . seen at the Webb quite often . . . plans to become a telephone operator . . . Best of luck in the future, Mary.

Girls' Chorus 4.

DONNA LEE ALBRECHT

"A quiet exterior conceals much."

Donna . . . quiet in class, but after class—? . . . always ready for a good time . . . "Sorry, I have to go home and write a letter" . . . quite interested in the Armed Forces . . . plans to work at Aetna Fire . . . is planning a future marriage after graduation . . . Happiness be yours!

MARIAN JEANETTE BALFOUR

"Merrily, merrily shall I live now."

Mare . . . witty . . . ever present smile . . . her quiet ways may be misleading, as she can raise all sorts of havoc . . . always willing to lend a helping hand . . . a loyal friend . . . très athlétique . . . her cheerful personality will make her a wonderful nurse and bring her much success.

Drama Club 2; Latin Club 2; Girls' Sports-basketball 3, 4; Soccer 3, 4; Recreation Council 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; French Club 4.

ARLYNE MILDRED ALMANDINGER

"A little fun, a little quiet."

Arlyne . . . quiet at times but ready for fun . . . quite a sense of humor . . . "Let's go to Friendly's, Pat" . . . possesses wit shown only to her close friends . . . her future plans are to attend college . . . good luck in all your endeavors.

Choir 2, 3; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Senior Plays Usher 4; Elm Staff 4; French Club 2; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

EDWARD LEROY BARBRICK

"His heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth."

Eddie . . . always smiling . . . makes those around him smile . . . always a friendly "Hi" for everyone . . . likes everybody . . . very interested in electrical work . . . enjoys fixing things . . . plans to study electrical work or music in a local college.

Choir 4.

VIRGINIA M. AMBROSE

"Whatever she does is done with so much ease,
In her alone 'tis natural to please."

Ginny . . . always has a smile and a kind word for everyone . . . one of our busiest gals . . . fine seamstress . . . always neat and well-dressed . . . in Ginny we have efficiency at its peak . . . good student . . . will be a real success in Junior College, where she plans to take up secretarial work.

Student Council 2, 3, 4-Treasurer 3-Secretary 4; Choir 3; Elm Leaves 2; Leaders' Club 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4-Captain 4; Dramatic Club 3; Class Secretary 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Queen's Court 3; Recreation Council 3; Junior Marshal 3; Fiesta Committee 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Traffic Squad 4; Elm Editor-in-Chief 4.

PETER K. BARKER

". . . 'Curfew must not ring tonight!"

Pete . . . our slow moving, lanky, barrel of fun, is always present when there's fun afoot . . . never lacking in his slow drawling humor, he is an essential for any party, or classroom . . . likes to ski . . . can often be seen on the golf course . . . good luck in your plans for the future!

Basketball Class Team 2; Soccer Class Team 2, 3; Band 2, 3; Golf 2.

BEVERLY A. BARTENSTEIN

"How much lies in laughter."

Bev . . . a real "sweetie" . . . so easy-going but there's mischief in her eyes . . . baby-talk . . . loyalty is her biggest virtue . . . possesses a lovable smile . . . has more friends than she can count.

Recreation Council 4; Junior Prom Committee 3.

MAXINE JOYCE BRIZES

"Those move easiest, who have learned to dance."

Max . . . cute . . . pert . . . extremely neat . . . good student . . . a true friend . . . born to dance . . . has a knack for making friends . . . a good leader . . . fun to be with . . . best of luck in your dancing, Max!

Recreation Council 2, 3; Girls' Sports 3; Class Night Usher 3; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Elm Leaves 4; Senior Plays 4; Cashier 4.

JAY BEAL

"None but he can be his Parallel."

Jay . . . our basketball king . . . can always be found in the gym practicing . . . one of our most accurate shooters . . . "Shoot, Jay, Shoot!" . . . a good student, respected by many . . . Good luck in whatever you attempt in college, Jay!

Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; Traffic Squad 4; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Student Government 3.

DOROTHY ANNE CALDWELL

"Mischief thou art afoot."

Dottie . . . came to us from Weaver . . . a girl with a willing and generous heart . . . always ready for a laugh . . . fond of music . . . plans to work at Connecticut General . . . is an asset to Junior Achievement . . lots of luck!

Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production 4.

ALBERT BOYER

"All those who know him, know him as a friend."

Al . . . quiet and neat in appearance . . . a good student . . . a rare, fine friend who is liked by all . . . amiable and trustworthy . . . enjoys hunting and fishing . . . an avid sports lover . . . Remember that fourth period English class? . . . plans to attend college . . . good luck to you, Al, we know you'll be welcome!

Student Council 4; Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; J. V. Basketball 2; Class Basketball 3, 4; Varsity Baseball 3; Attended Nutmeg Boys State 3; Student Government 3.

RICHARD A. CALITRO

"As merry as the day is long."

Dick . . . quiet and conservative, but friendly to all . . . easy going . . . small in stature, but lively in spirit . . . neat dresser . . . always willing to join in the fun . . . happy go lucky . . . always ready for a smile . . . enjoys good music . . . plans to be an electrician after graduation.

ROBERT JAMES BRADLEY

"Life is what you make it."

Bob . . . fine judge of good clothes . . . a nice looking fellow who can turn a girl's head easily . . . a good friend to all . . . an advantage to our soccer team . . . has his eye on serving a term in the Marines . . . Success in yours, Bob!

Varsity Soccer 4; Class Soccer 2, 3; Class Basketball 2; J. V. Basketball 3; Varsity Golf 2; Student Council 2, 3; Recreation Council 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Junior Prom Ticket Committee Co-chairman 3.

JUDITH ROSE CARLIN

"Gay, good nature sparkles in her eyes."

Judy . . . patented giggle . . . good natured and full of fun . . . always neat . . . never a harsh word . . . enjoys ice-skating . . . considerate of others . . . always willing to lend a helping hand . . . efficient and dependable . . . the future kindergarten set is gaining a peach of a teacher.

Latin Club 2; Seventeen Production Staff 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Leader's Club 4; Girl's Sports 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Elm Staff 4.

PATRICIA ANN CARONE

"Neat and petite,
a pleasure to meet."

Pat . . . vivacious and cute . . . has a smile for everyone . . . her hair style is envied by many . . . personality twice her size . . . has a quiet dignity which makes her respected by all . . . a loyal. warmhearted classmate . . . success is certain.

Latin Club 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Elm Leaves 3, 4; Leader's Club 3, 4; Youth Government 3; Operetta Staff 3; Junior Prom Decoration Committee 3; Girls' Sports 3; Club Chairman for Elm 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Class Secretary 4; Foreign Policy Club 4; Recreation Council 4.

MARY ELAINE CARR

"A merry heart
that laughs at care."

Kitty Carr . . . small and mischievous . . . and how about Tex Pavel??? . . . always looking for fun and ready with a joke . . . a neat dresser . . . the cute pixie of our class . . . a sincere friend . . . undecided about college, but the very best to you in the future!

Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Elm Staff 4; Elm Leaves 4; Recreation Council 4.

LARRY L. CARTER

"He who has a firm will
molds the world to himself."

Larry . . . an honor student . . . leader in all of his undertakings . . . steadfast in his opinions, but tolerant of others' . . . deep thinker . . . clever wit known only to his friends . . . plans to go to college.

National Honor Society 3, 4; Elm Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4; Elm Leaves Editor 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Lights and Lenses 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Camera Club 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3, 4; Senior Plays Staff 2, 3, 4; Music Council 3; Dance Band 4; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4; Hartford Times Correspondent 4; Youth Government 3; Trinity Book Award 3; Baccalaureate Usher 3; National Thespian Society 4.

NICHOLAS CHAMP

"As good natured a man
as ever broke bread."

Nick . . . agreeable . . . cheerful disposition at both work and play . . . sparkling brown eyes . . . never a harsh word for anyone . . . a true friend . . . neat dresser . . . excellent counterman . . . a gentleman in all respects . . . enjoys tinkering with cars . . . deserves the best of everything.

Student Council 2; Recreation Council 2, 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2.

SANDRA MAY CHARTER

"To be like her
we wouldn't mind."

Sandy . . . cute . . . pixie features . . . the master boy attracter . . . possesses the sweetest of dispositions . . . has a good word for everyone . . . makes you feel you're her closest friend . . . will always have more than enough friends . . . happiness is certain.

Recreation Council 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4; Choir 3; Latin Club 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Fiesta Committee 4; Elm Staff 4; Glee Club 2; Senior Banquet Co-chairman; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

CAROL JEANETTE CHIDSEY

"A rare combination is she:
eagerness, mischief, ability."

Carol . . . known for her personality and friendliness . . . a neat gal who stands firm for what she believes . . . a wealth of friends . . . a mischievous sparkle in her eye portrays the humor within . . . enjoys playing the piano . . . only success awaits you at college.

Girl's Glee Club 2; Latin Club 2; All State Chorus 2; Queen's Court 3; Graduation Usher 3; Class Night Usher 3; Girl's Sports 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Musicals 2, 3; Recreation Council 3, 4; Co-chairman 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Traffic Squad 4; Cashier 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Staff 4; Personals Co-chairman 4; Youth Government Day 3; Graduation Co-chairman 4; National Thespian Society 4.

ADELINE ANTOINETTE COSTA

"As patient and as still
And as full of good will."

Addy . . . tall and attractive . . . always ready for a good laugh . . . stock-car racing enthusiast . . . mad about football . . . a "camera bug" . . . plans to become a nurse.

Senior Plays Usher 4; Tennis 3; Camera Club 4; Recreation Council 4.

RICHARD HENRY COTE

"The world is as you take it."

Dick . . . always ready for a good time . . . has an eye for the opposite sex . . . teller of tall tales . . . a grin that catches your eye . . . car enthusiast . . . plans to attend one of the State Technical Schools.

Recreation Council 4; Junior Prom Committee 3.

BERNARD EDWARD COUGHLIN

"The Irish are hale and hearty."

Bernie . . . The tall one . . . good natured . . . laughing eyes, his Irish trade mark of which he is tremendously proud . . . always a good word for everyone, will always lend a helping hand to everyone . . . would give you the shirt off his back . . . Well liked by his classmates.

Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; Class Basketball 2; Recreation Council 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Class Gift, Chairman.

WALTER H. COUGHLIN

"Be silent and safe, silence never betrays you."

Walt . . . one of the quietest members of our class . . . modest and unassuming . . . loyal friend . . . good-natured chuckle . . . earnest and sincere in his endeavors . . . quite the mechanic . . . Good luck in Engineering at U. Conn.

CAROLYN ANN CUGNO

"I believe in having a good time, for I'll never be young but once."

Cugie . . . cheerful disposition . . . quiet until you get to know her . . . always ready for a good time . . . likes a lot of excitement . . . enjoys dancing and skating . . . bop enthusiast . . . working girl . . . friendly . . . always doing something . . . plans include going to a Business School or becoming a secretary . . . good luck to you, Cugie, in whatever you undertake.

Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

MALKA F. CUTLER

"Friendship must be accompanied with virtue, and always lodged in great and generous minds."

Micki . . . sensible . . . quiet until you get to know her . . . witty . . . expresses herself well . . . her dark gleaming hair is envied by many . . . a sympathetic listener . . . a true friend . . . enjoys playing the piano and accordian . . . plans to attend college and take up social work.

Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

GEORGE EDWARD CZARNECKI

"A pleasant nature leaves nothing to be desired."

Czars . . . easy going . . . always ready for a good time . . . a deep thinker . . . persistent in his ideas . . . has a good natured manner and a keen sense of humor . . . a friend to all . . . outdoor man . . . planning to enter the Air Force . . . good luck, George.

PATRICIA MARY DAWIDOWICZ

"Education is but a passing fancy."

Pat . . . always ready for a good time . . . forever smiling . . . never idle . . . enjoys swimming and tennis . . . a neat dresser with fine taste in clothes . . . plans to attend Secretarial School after graduation . . . Good luck, Pat.

Band 2; Foreign Policy Club 3; Elm Leaves 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Badminton Tournament 2.

ANGELA ANNETTE DeBONEE

"With a voice full of life and laughter."

Ange . . . always full of pep . . . has a crave for dancing and skating . . . catching laugh . . . wouldn't miss a basketball game . . . knows her clothes . . . good student . . . plans to attend a secretarial school . . . with your ways, success will be yours!

Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Elm Leaves Staff 4; Yearbook Typing Staff 4.

JOSLIN S. DEEKS

"Men of humor are always in some degree men of genius."

Jos . . . our individualist . . . exceptionally well read . . . possesses an unequalled piano style . . . every remark is a gem . . . an independent thinker in every respect . . . wonders never cease when Joslin takes up his pen . . . plans to enter college.

Elm Leaves 3; Student Council 3, 4; Jazz Club 3; Latin Club 2; Senior Play Staff 4; Youth Government 3; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

MARILYN LUCILLE DELLA ROCCO

"What is greater than the willingness and the desire to please?"

Marilyn . . . sincere and honest . . . hard and dependable worker . . . friendly . . . a pleasant smile for all . . . sparkling dark eyes with sweeping lashes . . . extremely neat . . . tries to please . . . loves to get silly . . . conscientious . . . a quiet exterior that hides a fun loving nature . . . deserves the best . . . plans to become a secretary.

Senior Play Production Staff 4, Elm Staff 4; Elm Leaves Staff 4.

LORETTA THERESA DE MAURO

"Happiness is where you find it."

Lori . . . friendly . . . worries little; takes life as it comes . . . enjoys sewing . . . bowls quite a bit . . . stands by her reasoning . . . seeks happiness and usually finds it . . . marriage will be her career.

Band 2, 3, 4; Choir 4.

DANIEL J. D'ESOPO

"Fun loves me and I love fun."

Dan . . . a finger in every pie . . . happy-go-lucky nature . . . possesses many friends . . . drummin' man . . . always looking for a good time . . . carefree . . . an ever present grin . . . ardent jazz fiend . . . headed for the Army . . . good luck!

High School Band 2, 3, 4.

NANCY E. DETWEILER

"Softly speak and sweetly smile."

Nanc . . . warm, friendly smile . . . delicate voice . . . tall and demure . . . conscientious worker . . . neat as a pin . . . sincere . . . clear thinker . . . efficient . . . always willing to lend a helping hand . . . enjoys swimming . . . bound to make a success of teaching.

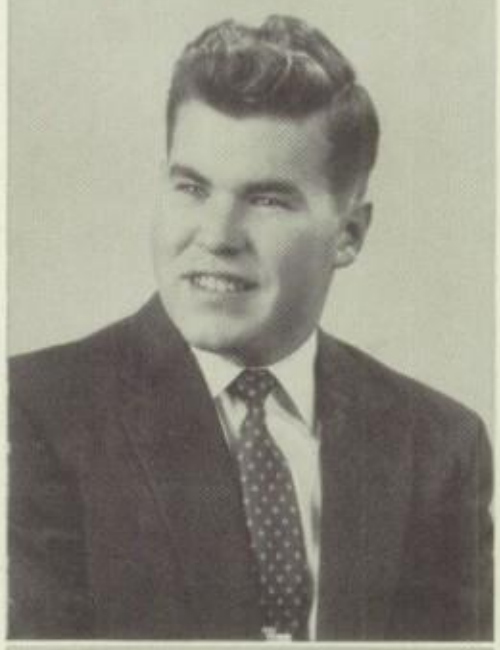
Leaders Club 3; Class Night Usher 3; Graduation Usher 3; Recreation Council 2, 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Elm Staff 4; Foreign Policy Club 4; Cashier 4.

ANGELO JOHN DiBATTISTA, JR.

"You can't keep a good man down."

Ang . . . sincere . . . loves sports . . . has many friends, because he is a friend . . . reserved . . . terrific soccer player . . . a great goalie . . . known for his good disposition . . . believes in having a good time with the guys . . . plans to enter the Active Reserve.

Junior Varsity 2; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Varsity Soccer 4; Intramural Soccer 2, 3; Intramural Basketball 2, 3; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.



JOHN DONAGHUE

"His own especial pleasure attracts each one."

Jack . . . liked by all . . . has an entertaining sense of humor . . . tasteful dresser . . . a mad scientist in chem. lab. . . . top notch golf enthusiast . . . aqua star . . . can be blamed for many of W.H.S.'s infamous sayings . . . believes in having a good time, but also conscientious in his studies.

Latin Club 2; Co-Chairman Sophomore Hop 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Golf Team 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Class Soccer 2, 3; Class Basketball 2; Elm Sports Editor 4; Youth Government 3; Student Council 3.

WILLIAM DOUGHERTY

"Thoughts that breathe, and words that burn."

Bill . . . tall, blond, and good looking . . . his remarks are classic . . . has an abundance of friends in both sexes . . . poetic . . . rather unpredictable . . . witty . . . clever . . . always looks for a good time, and usually finds it . . . oh, those shoulders!

Varsity Tract 3; Class Teams 3, 4; Youth Government 3; Senior Play Cast 4; Graduation Usher 3.

ALFRED DRIEU

"Take life too seriously and what is it worth?"

Al . . . easy going . . . full of fun always ready to have a good time . . . sharp wit . . . neat dresser . . . watch out for those dark, sparkling eyes . . . black, curly hair envied by many . . . possesses many friends.

DENISE CLAIRE EISENHAUER

"My heart is whole; my fancy free,
Go 'way little troubles, don't bother me."

Dece . . . sparkling blue eyes . . . freckles which signify mischief . . . Zeek!!! . . . a cheerful smile for everyone . . . sincere friend . . . neat dresser . . . flying a plane leads her list of hobbies . . . future stewardess . . . also enjoys boating, skiing and architecture . . . headed for the University of Miami and certain success.

Youth 3; Recreation Council 4; Elm Staff 4; Traffic Squad 4.

BEVERLY MARGARET EKMAN

"Youth is full of pleasure."

Bev . . . easy-going . . . quiet . . . good sense of humor known more by her friends . . . loves winter sports, and yet she enjoys swimming also . . . never bothered by studies . . . agreeable and friendly . . . plans to be a secretary after graduation.

BARBARA HOPE ELDER

"Life is but play."

Barb . . . tall . . . long brown hair . . . loves ice skating and swimming . . . seldom seen without Addy . . . never silent for a long time . . . plans to be a medical secretary.

Tennis Tournament 3; Latin Club 4; Senior Play Usher 4; Recreation Council 4.

PATRICIA M. FAGAN

"Indeed a friend is never known till a man have need of one."

Pat . . . cheerful friend . . . very pleasant to be with . . . always hurrying and on the go . . . mixes fun and work very successfully . . . sincere and warm personality . . . enjoys many various pastimes . . . future college student.

Latin Club 2; Foreign Policy Club 4; Elm Staff 4.

GEORGE F. FAY, JR.

"I take my fun where I find it."

George . . . has added much to the class in his two years at W.H.S. . . . well liked by all, especially the opposite sex . . . lover of football . . . has an eye for clothes, jazz, and women . . . often seen exercising his Ford . . . fun-loving ways . . . cool man on the dance floor . . . his personality will carry him far . . . good luck in the field of dentistry.

Youth Government 3; Basketball 3; Traffic Squad 4.

JOSEPH FERNANDEZ

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

Joe . . . class track star, he really can move! . . . sincere friend . . . always with a broad smile and a warm heart . . . enjoys sports, especially fishing, running, skiing and skating . . . Good luck, Joe!

Track 2, 3, 4; Cross Country Team 4; Class Soccer 3, 4.

RICHARD THOMAS FIPPINGER

"One who makes his companions laugh, deserves happiness."

Fip . . . fun loving and quiet??? . . . enjoys skiing and cars . . . his cheerful ways have won him many friends . . . never a dull moment when Fip's around . . . "Hey, Fip! got room for one more?" . . . noted for his careful driving? . . . his future plans are to attend college . . . success is yours, Fip!

Recreation Council 2, 3, 4; Co-Chairman 4; Student Council 4; Class Soccer 2, 3; Co-Captain 4; Class Basketball 2, 3; Senior Play Cast 4; Musical 3; Choir 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; J. V. Baseball 2, 3; All-State Chorus 4; Student Government 3; Ski Trip Chairman 3.

FRANK FONTANA, JR.

"We think a happy life consists in tranquility of mind."

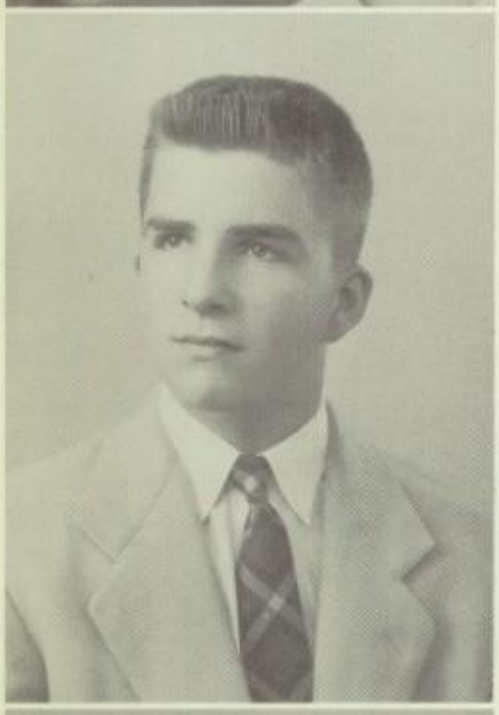
Montana . . . quiet . . . carefree ways . . . neat looking, curly black hair . . . farmer . . . enjoys outdoor activities . . . capable student . . . friendly manner . . . enjoys reading . . . plans to join service or enter college . . . in whatever he does, he shall be a success!

JEAN LOUISE FORD

"None know her but to love her,
None name her but to praise 'her."

Jeanne . . . possesses a truly pleasing personality . . . a willing worker . . . has such a friendly smile . . . honor student . . . a really sincere friend . . . ardent Red Sox fan . . . devotes many long hours to church work . . . "Wa-a-ait a minute" . . . She appears to be quiet, but watch the twinkle in those eyes . . . has what it takes to make a fine Elementary School teacher!

Latin Club 2; Girls' Choir 3, 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4—Secretary 3—President 4; WHS Delegate to UN 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Youth Government 3; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Class Night Usher 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4—Vice President 4; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Staff 4; Operetta Staff 3.



ROBERT GIBB

"He looks on life with quiet eyes."

Bob . . . quiet . . . seen a lot with the underclassmen . . . has a yen for collecting records . . . also possesses a bit of wit expressed mostly to his close friends . . . a loyal friend . . . his future plans are to attend Hillyer College . . . best of luck in the future, Bob!

DAVID GILBERT

"There is no greater everyday virtue than cheerfulness."

Dave . . . friendly as the day is long . . . a loyal pal . . . earnest and sincere in his undertakings . . . always has something to do . . . a shy smile and a warm heart . . . always ready for horseplay . . . thoughtful and considerate to all . . . plans to join the Navy after graduation.

SALVATORE A. GIONFRIDDO

"He that walketh sincerely, walketh confidently."

Sal . . . quiet in bearing, but a true friend . . . very sincere . . . unpretentious with great abilities . . . serious minded, but very likeable . . . has plans for college . . . an excellent student . . . will surely find success in any endeavor.

Latin Club 2; Elm Leaves 3, 4; Advertising Manager of Elm Leaves 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Elm Literary Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Class Night Usher 3.

MALVIN GOLDBERG

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Buddy . . . our dynamic Senior Class President . . . a real flash around the school . . . a good worker . . . a driving force behind all his undertakings . . . a tremendous dancer . . . likes modern jazz and "Rock 'n Roll" . . . hopes to be a child psychologist or designer . . . has the admiration of all classmates . . . The best of luck to you, Bud!

Student Council 2, 3, 4; Ex. Bd. 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Chief, Traffic Squad 4; Boy's State 3; Court Jester, Junior Prom 3; Elm Art Editor 4; Class President 4; Chairman "Fiesta" 4; Youth Gov. 3.

MARILYN E. GOMETZ

"Knowledge is Power"

Lynn . . . an honor student . . . ambitious and efficient . . . congenial to all . . . possesses a heart of gold . . . dignified . . . willing to lend a helping hand . . . always reliable . . . bound to be a success in college.

Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Program Chairman 3, 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Traffic Squad 4; All-State Chorus 4; Graduation and Class Night Usher 3; Elm Staff Co-chairman 4; Student Council Alt. 2; Girls' Sports 3, 4; Latin Club 3; Make-Up Club 2; Nat'l Thespian Society Secretary 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4; W.H.S. Delegate to U.N. 3; Jr. Prom Committee 3.

JUDITH GOODELL

"If I can't find fun, I'll make some."

Prudy . . . long time cheerleader and boy fascinator . . . a saying for everything . . . eye for "goodies," parties and Bermudas . . . explosive personality . . . a natural, unpretentious manner . . . "Oh well, I mean really" . . . intelligent and understanding . . . love of life, ability to make so-o-o many friends will bring her 'naught but happiness.

Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Leaders' Club 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Youth Gov. 3; Foreign Policy Club 4; Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

ROBERT OTTO GRABNER

"Come, give us a taste of your quality."

Bob . . . or "Rah" to his close friends . . . active in sports, skiing and soccer being his favorites . . . ready and willing to laugh his well known boisterous laugh . . . a smart dresser, good looker, and good dancer . . . plans for college and the service ahead . . . we're sure he'll succeed in anything he attempts.

Varsity Soccer 2, 3, 4; Varsity Track 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Fire Squad 3, 4; Slide Rule Club 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 3; Traffic Squad 4; Graduation Usher 3; Co-chairman of Graduation 4.

EDMUND B. GREENE

"Sportsman in body;
Comedian at heart."

Eddie . . . good looking . . . a friendly, well-liked student . . . witty sense of humor . . . sincere . . . reliable, able soccer player . . . *"diligent"* Latin Student! . . . enjoys accordian playing and printing . . . headed for college . . . a definite asset to the class of '56.

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Soccer 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Student Council 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Traffic Squad 4; Boys' State Representative 3; Town Councilman on Student Government Day 3; Class Team Soccer 2; Class Night Co-chairman 4; Senior Plays Production 4.

JOHN FARLEY GRENIER

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

Johnny . . . always ready for good times and laughs . . . where there's mischief, there's Johnny . . . isn't one to be worried by studies . . . outdoorman who enjoys hunting and skating . . . fun loving nature . . . ever present smile . . . witty . . . his friendly ways make him well known and liked . . . plans to enter the service . . . loads of luck to you, Johnny.

LUCY AGNES GRIGGS

"What toils do I undergo
to please you!"

Lou . . . one of the quieter members of our class . . . friendly to everyone . . . eager to help . . . lover of all types of music . . . able accordian player . . . plans to enter the nursing profession upon graduation . . . Best of luck!

Choir 4; Softball 3; Tennis Tournament 3.

EDWARD BULKELEY GRISWOLD

"Mirth and fun
come fast and furious."

Buck or E. Buck . . . always with a "cool bit" . . . "No kidding!" . . . You can count on a swell time and a lot of laughs when he's around . . . seldom serious . . . plenty of fight and hustle on the playing field . . . a good class worker . . . plans are for college in the fall.

Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; Class Basketball 2, 3, 4; J. V. Baseball 2, 3; Varsity Tennis 3, 4; Intermural Sports 2, 3, 4; Fire Squad 3, 4; Recreation Council 2, 3, 4; Co-Chairman Sophomore Hop Ticket Committee 2; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Choir 4; Dramatic Club 3; Foreign Policy Club 4; Junior Prom Usher 3; Elm Staff 4; Baccalaureate Co-Chairman 4.

JOYCE JOAN GROB

"Merry and Gay;
such pleasant ways."

Butch or Joy . . . a fiend for photography and art . . . a kind word for all whom she meets . . . happy as the day is long, with a merry laugh and a twinkle in her eye . . . further plans are to attend art school . . . best of luck in the future.

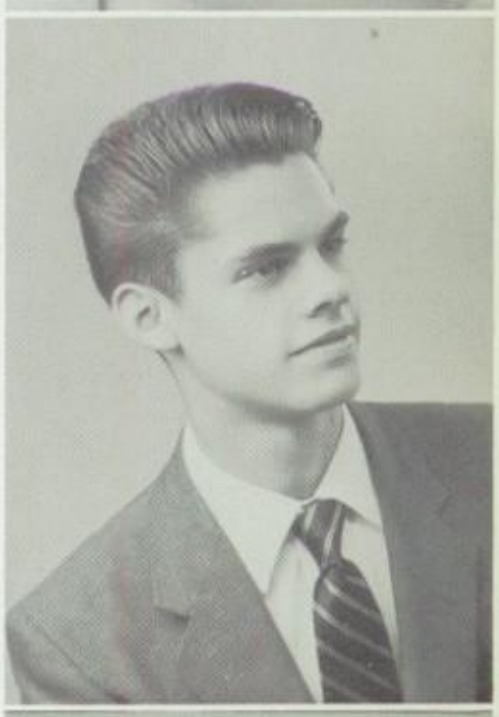
Choir 3, 4; Senior Plays Chief Usher 4; Badminton Tournament 3; Class Soccer 4.

GORDON GROVER

"I am a music maker, and I
am a dreamer of dreams."

Gordie . . . A good tenor is rare, but in Gordie we have one . . . very fond of music . . . has been taking up hairdressing on the side . . . hopes to go to a hair-styling school in New York, and later, to have a shop of his own . . . Best of luck, Gordie!

Choir 2, 3, 4; All-State Chorus 4; Elm Staff 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3.



DAVID BILL HAWKINS

"A little work, much play
goes for my happy,
usual day."

Dave . . . a broad grin and congenial personality . . . likeable manner . . . never a dull moment when Dave's around . . . mechanical minded . . . enjoys tinkering with cars . . . "Cars run smoother after Dave's service" . . . hearty laugh . . . good luck in any field you undertake, Dave!

MARILYN ANN HAYES

"Small in stature, but
enormous in good nature."

Marilyn . . . cute ways . . . witty . . . often seen arguing with someone twice her size . . . those big blue eyes . . . "Sorry, kids, have to wash my hair tonight!" . . . mischievous little smile . . . lover of sports . . . skiing enthusiast . . . a sincere and steadfast friend.

Glee Club 2, 3; Youth Government 3; Girls' Sports 3, 4; Choir 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Tennis Tournament 3, 4; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Music Council 3; Recreation Council 4; Co-chairman of Junior Prom 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays 4; Operetta Staff 3; Class Night Co-chairman.

MARYANN CAROL HAYES

"Like Champagne— she sparkles."

Hayser . . . a pint-sized dynamo . . . always has something to do . . . tremendous personality . . . greatly admired . . . who could forget Squeek's laugh? . . . a pleasure to know and be with . . . "Hey Hayser, when are ya gonna have another P. J. party?" . . . will make a good secretary.

Choir 2, 3; Vice-President 2; Cheerleading 3, 4; Assistant Captain Cheerleader 4; Recreation Council 2, 3, 4; Decoration Co-chairman 3; Traffic Squad 4; Junior Prom Queen 3; Elm Staff 4; Student Council Alternate 4; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Senior Ball Co-chairman.

RICHARD HOCK

"They that govern the most make least noise."

Dick . . . quiet in some ways . . . sets his mind to what he wants to do . . . thoughtful . . . known for his black, wavy hair . . . good looking . . . well mannered . . . indispensable on the soccer field . . . a true friend . . . will be a success in the future.

Varsity Soccer 4.

ROBERT DUNCAN HOPE

"With Smiling lips and Sharp Blue Eyes."

Hopey . . . quiet . . . loves outdoor sports . . . an asset to our school band . . . small, with blond hair envied by many . . . shy with the opposite sex . . . good natured . . . plans to further his education.

Band 2, 3, 4.

MARY JANE HOWARTH

"A smile that reflects the sun itself."

Mary Jane . . . petite and charming . . . has a sense of humor and can get very silly . . . possesses beautiful clothes, and wears them well . . . flirty . . . fun to be with . . . a loyal friend . . . a warm smile surrounded by her silky complexion . . . wedding bells are included in Mary Jane's near future.

Queen's Court, Junior Prom.

GARRETT RAYMOND HUGHES

"Easy come, easy go."

Gary . . . carefree, not a worry in sight . . . always searching for fun . . . spends many hours tinkering on his car . . . a great kidder . . . a loyal friend . . . always willing to do a favor . . . a mischievous gleam forever present in his eye . . . never a dull moment when Gary's around . . . plans to join the Navy after graduation.

Varsity Baseball 2.

JUDITH ANN HUTCHINS

"She is easy to talk with, and nice to be with."

Judy . . . on her lips there is always a ready smile . . . loves frolic and fun . . . a gay laugh . . . a devilish twinkle in her eye . . . a true and sincere friend . . . a flair for jazz . . . wishes to go into the field of nursing . . . any hospital will welcome you, Judy!

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Student Council 2; Operetta Staff 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Elm Leaves 4; Make-up Club 2; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Elm Staff 4.

GLORIA LOUISE JAJLIARDO

"She wears the rose of youth upon her."

Glo . . . good natured . . . sports lover . . . always on the go . . . especially likes swimming, skating, and skiing . . . likes to talk . . . plans to be a singer or go into secretarial work . . . best of luck to a peppy Senior.

Senior Play Staff, 4.

BARBARA A. JANEK

"The world is as you take it."

Bobbie . . . small, cute . . . sweet and very amiable . . . known for her quiet ways . . . an adorable smile . . . never a harsh word for anyone . . . active in drum corps work . . . likes to swim . . . plans to be a secretary . . . Luck be yours in the future, Bobbie.

Basketball 4; Soccer 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

JAMES FRASER JENNINGS

"A bit of fun, a bit of quiet."

Jim . . . good natured at all times . . . rather quiet in class . . . always greets you with a smile . . . "Let's go hunting at 4 a.m.!" . . . future plans after Uncle Sam, Industrial School or State Police . . . Good luck, Jim!

Track 2, 3; Intramural Soccer 3; Class Soccer 3.

ROBERT JONES

"A smile on his face and a song in his heart."

Jonesey . . . the Mario Lanza of the class of "56" with a wonderful tenor voice . . . a calm outside appearance conceals quite a mischievous personality . . . très amiable . . . a tremendous build . . . "O.K. Tobias, duty commands you" . . . our hero and fireladdie . . . plans to attend UConn next fall . . . success is yours!

Senior Plays Staff 4; Seventeen 3; Choir 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4.

LYNWOOD JOPE

"My memory is the treasury and guardian of all things."

Lyn . . . a silent but true friend . . . a hard worker who should go places in the world . . . interested in science and math . . . also proficient on the baseball field . . . keep it up, Lyn.

Band 3, 4; Dance Band 4; Varsity Baseball 2, 3; J. V. Basketball 2.

RICHARD MICHAEL JOYCE

"A man amiable in society shall be more friendly than a brother."

Icky . . . friendly smile . . . real friend to everybody . . . liked by all . . . great sports fan . . . loves golf especially . . . willing to help anyone . . . should get along well, no matter what . . . plans to go to college, preferably Holy Cross.

Slide Rule Club 3; Class Soccer 2, 3; Class Basketball 3.

DERMOD KELLEHER

"His personality is outdone only by his good looks."

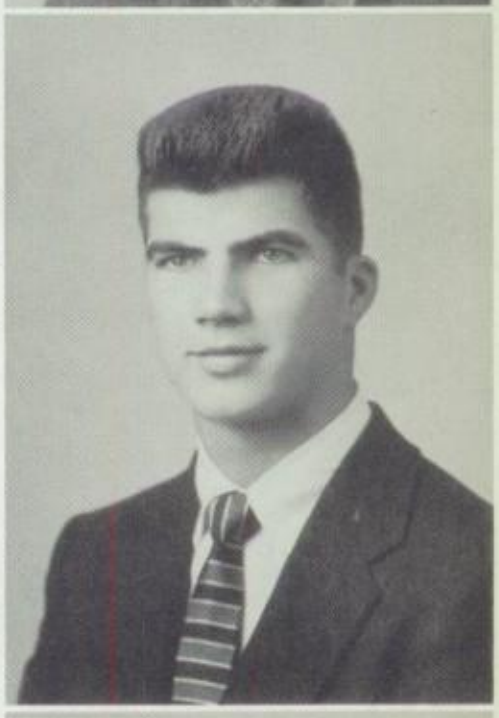
Derm . . . cute . . . radiant personality . . . extremely impatient . . . neat dresser . . . a highly respected member of the class . . . will fight for his ideals . . . as Class Vice-President this year, Derm has proved his leadership characteristics . . . plans to attend college and take up engineering . . . Best of luck, Derm!

Class Teams 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports 2, 3; Recreation Council 3; Latin Club 3; Slide Rule Club 3; Boys' State 3; Youth Government 3; Traffic Squad 4; Co-chairman of Junior Prom 3; Senior Play Cast 4; Class Vice-President 4; Graduation Usher 3; Baseball 3.

JOEL H. KELLY

"For there's a twinkle in his eye."

Joel . . . good looking . . . quiet in appearance but inclined to be a bit mischievous . . . "one of the boys" . . . spends much of his time at White Sands . . . a friendly classmate, sincere friend . . . "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" . . . easygoing . . . future career in the Navy . . . best of everything to you.

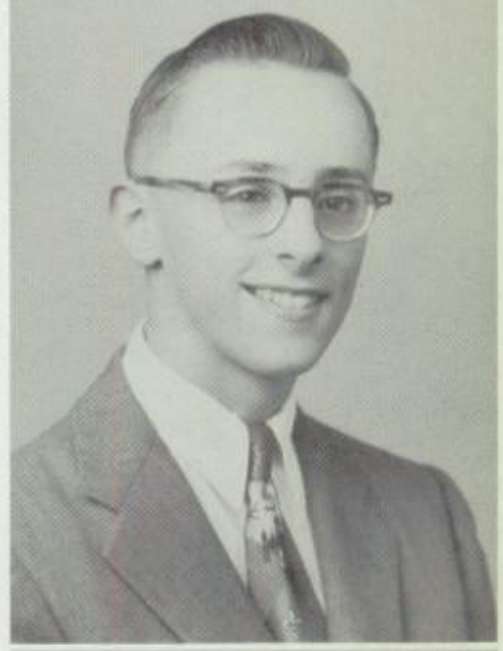


ROBERT CHARLES KERBER

"Wit and humor belong to genius alone."

Bob . . . loves to talk . . . will debate anything . . . good sense of humor . . . always ready with the right remark . . . diligent student . . . loyal friend . . . plans to enter the Engineering field.

Camera Club 3, 4; Fire Squad 3, 4; Elm Leaves 2, 3, 4; Managing Editor of Elm Leaves 4; Slide Rule Club 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Lights and Lenses 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Staff 2, 3, 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4; National Thespian Society 4.



BARBARA ANN KESSLER

"Quiet are her thoughts but happy her nature."

Bobby . . . quiet and sweet . . . a warm heart . . . a good student . . . fond of music . . . plenty of common sense . . . speech so light and soft . . . considerate of others, a thoughtful and sincere friend . . . she'll like college and make a grand French teacher . . . Bon chance! Mademoiselle.

Operetta 2; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4.

COLLEEN E. KING

"Patience, persistence, and power are acquired only by work."

Colleen . . . dependable . . . athletic . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . loves to talk . . . great "Historian" . . . forever going into detail . . . collects old post cards . . . plans to become a teacher.

Sports 2, 3, 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

NANCY LOUISE KUDLA

"Hither and thither she flits with smiles to repay her quick wits."

Nanc . . . how we envy her tiny waist! . . . beware her impish laugh and sparkling eyes . . . "Nothing" . . . so easy to get her laughing . . . those quiet (?) study halls . . . wonderful girl! . . . we know you'll be an excellent stewardess, Nanc!

Choir 2, 3; Dramatic Club 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Elm Leaves 3; Operetta Staff 3; Recreation Council 3; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Leaders' Club 4; Elm Staff 4.

BARBARA JEAN KUTSAVAGE

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Kutsy . . . newcomer from Bulkeley . . . their loss was our gain . . . avid football fan . . . never seen without a cheerful smile . . . kind words for all . . . great "Rock 'n Roll" fan . . . has made many friends in her short time here.

Foreign Policy Club 4; Elm Staff 4; Camera Club 4; Senior Play Staff 4.

GEORGE A. LaCAVA, JR.

"All those who know him, know him as a friend."

George . . . a tremendous classmate with a winning personality . . . easy going . . . a true friend . . . that catchy laugh . . . well-liked by everyone . . . deserves the respect he's gained . . . plans to study accounting . . . success will surely be yours, George!

Sophomore Class President; Student Council 3, 4; Traffic Squad 4; Class Soccer 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Class Ring Committee 3.

JOHN DAVID LaDUCER

"Thou hast wit at will."

LaTruse . . . possesses an exceptional sense of humor . . . an ardent hunting and fishing fan . . . his assets excel his stature . . . pleasant nature . . . good conversationalist . . . takes things as they come . . . plans to enter tree surgery.

Junior Varsity Baseball 3; Student Council 2; Recreation Council 3, 4; Junior Prom Usher 3; Senior Play Staff 4.

JANICE R. LaMARRE

"A rhapsody of words."

Jan . . . always bubbling over with words and happiness . . . pleasant to be with . . . a pleasure to know . . . never at a loss for words in any situation . . . excels in unusual wit . . . hopes in some way to further her education . . . the very best to a snappy senior!

Girls State 3; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Leaves 4; Soccer 4.

NANCY ANN LANE

"Her voice—so just, so small, yet in so sweet a note, It seems the music melts in her throat."

Nancy . . . the girl with the bell-clear voice . . . tends to be serious . . . has a pleasant disposition . . . very musically inclined . . . plans to go to music college, where her major will be piano . . . Work as hard as you do now, Nancy, and success will be yours!

Sophomore Hop Music Committee 2; Junior Prom Music Committee 3; Jazz Club 3; Dramatic Club 2; Bowling Club 2; Choir 3, 4; Baccalaureat Usher 3; All-State Chorus 4; Operetta Staff 3; Laurel Girls' State Representative 3.

PATRICIA ANNE LARSON

"Her ways are ways of gentleness, and her paths are peace."

Pat . . . the best friend a girl could have . . . loves to dance . . . perfectionist . . . peppy and petite . . . count her in on anything exciting . . . excellent dancer . . . "I've got the car" . . . plans to study beauty culture.

Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Elm Staff 4; Foreign Policy Club 4.

JAMES ARTHUR LeGEYT

"Fond of fun as fond can be."

Jim . . . tall, dark . . . a neat dresser . . . enjoys many outdoor sports; skating, swimming, and fishing being his favorites . . . can often be found working on cars . . . a subtle sense of humor displayed mostly to those who know him well . . . plans to attend a college in the future . . . we wish the very best to you, Jim.

JAMES L. MacNEIL

"Happy is the man who is merry of heart."

Jim . . . mischief in his eyes . . . always ready for horseplay . . . unpretentious . . . good company . . . enjoys a good laugh . . . one of W.H.S.'s top golfers . . . art enthusiast . . . knows a good looking girl when he sees *her* . . . plans to go into the art field . . . Best of luck in the field for which you are well fitted.

Golf Team 3, 4.

NONA G. LETURMY

"Good Nature is one of the richest fruits of personality."

Non . . . cute with a personality to match . . . fun loving nature . . . "What an ace!" . . . "Bye now" . . . a thoughtful and sincere friend . . . laughs away her troubles . . . loves to paint and to talk on the phone . . . sure to be a success in teachers' college.

Student Council 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Fiesta Committee 4.

ELVIA MARIE MAGNUSON

"A gracious way, a power to charm."

Elv . . . radiant blonde hair . . . talented actress . . . loyal and true friend . . . a winning way . . . unique personality . . . attractive dresser . . . good sense of humor . . . tall and stately grace . . . headed for success in college.

Glee Club 2; Choir 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Elm Leaves Staff 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Staff 4; Latin Club; Recreation Council 2; National Thespian Society 4.

WILLIAM MICHAEL LOW

"We don't want you any longer—you're long enough now."

Mike . . . increasingly popular . . . everytime you see him, he seems to have grown three inches . . . seen head and shoulders above the rest of us . . . a driver of questions . . . an asset to our golf team . . . has a ready eye for the females . . . looks forward to Saturday nights and a "Blast" . . . College awaits him.

Golf Team 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Senior Ball Co-chairman.

RICHARD ALAN MANN

"Humility goeth before glory."

Dick . . . tall . . . easily seen ambling about the halls . . . friend to all . . . easy smile . . . likes all kinds of sports . . . follows his opinions firmly . . . easy to like . . . wants to study engineering at UConn or Hillyer . . . Good luck in your endeavors!

Camera Club 3, 4; Slide Rule Club 3, 4; Senior Plays Cast 4; Elm Staff 4; Class Soccer 2, 3, 4.

MARIE LOUISE MABEY

"A smile is worth a thousand words."

Marie . . . came to us from Bulkeley . . . friendly . . . full of fun . . . seldom seen without a smile . . . easy going . . . enjoys dancing and sports . . . a thoughtful and sincere friend . . . plans to do office work after graduation . . . lots of success!

Leaders Club 4; Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Usher 4.

ALFRED J. MARTYN

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

Al . . . usually quiet but his close friends know differently . . . has a good time wherever he is . . . often seen in his "Cadillac" . . . never worries too much about his studies . . . carefree manner . . . good luck in the future!

GERARD S. MASON

"There's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility."

Jerry . . . a quiet likeable fellow . . . a sincere friend . . . capable and diligent worker . . . honest and responsible in anything he does . . . enjoys boats and being near the water . . . good luck in college, Jerry!

JOHN MATUSEVICH

"Pleasure lies in tranquility rather than in activity."

John Jay . . . good looking . . . neat dresser . . . likeable manner . . . a loyal friend to all who know him . . . avid sports enthusiast . . . enjoys a good time with the boys . . . mischievous twinkle in his eye . . . Good luck at Hartford Regional Technical School, John!

ANTHONY R. MAULUCCI

"Every man loves what he is good at."

Tony . . . inclined to be a little shy except to those who know him . . . a hearty life . . . unassuming manner . . . modest and polite . . . likes outdoor life and guns . . . an avid supporter of western music . . . undiscovered artistical genius . . . his car is a prized possession . . . the more we know him, the better we like him . . . future Air Force Mechanic.

MICHAEL J. McCUE

"Why should life all labor be?"

Mike . . . always ready for a good time with the gang . . . practical joker . . . avid sports enthusiast . . . never one to worry over studying . . . seen buzzing around town in a green Plymouth . . . has a bit of sarcastic wit . . . lots of success in college, Mike!

Class Soccer Team 2, 3, 4; Class Basketball Team 2, 3, 4; Intramural Soccer 2, 3, 4; Soccer Manager 4; Elm Staff (Sports) 4.

MARGO ELAINE McKEON

"So sweet a face, such angel grace."

Marg . . . cute and neat . . . bop enthusiast . . . sparkling Irish eyes which always possess a mischievous gleam . . . those crazy gym classes! . . . keen eye for the opposite sex . . . witty . . . fun loving . . . appears quiet but her friends know differently . . . individualist . . . mature . . . one of the best friends anyone could have . . . Her sweet smile, personality, and also her ability assure her much success in the business world!

SANDRA F. MERITHEW

"Good things come in small packages."

Sandy . . . freckles and a lone dimple . . . loves to dance . . . a willing worker . . . neat and sweet . . . a good student and a deep thinker . . . warm hearted and friendly . . . always willing to give advice . . . seems to be a certain attraction in East Hampton . . . you will be an asset to the college.

Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Girls' Glee Club 3; Christmas Vesper 3; Basketball 4; Senior Play Prompter 4; Elm Typing Editor 4; Foreign Policy Club 4; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

DAVID WARING MESSER

"A man shall be known by his learning."

Dave . . . conscientious . . . deep thinker . . . honor student . . . precise in thought as in handwriting . . . . well-liked by all who really know him . . . is firm in his opinions and lets them be known . . . will study chemical engineering at Rensselaer . . . Best of luck, Dave!

Elm Leaves 2, 3, 4; Slide Rule Club 3; Lights and Lenses 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Staff 2, 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Operetta Staff 2, 3, 4; Fire Squad 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Camera Club 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4; National Thespian Society 4.

ELLEN MARIE MISLICK

"It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends."

Ellie . . . known for her merry ways and sparkling personality . . . will never be without friends . . . "Morning, punkin!" . . . sincere . . . always ready for a good time . . . ardent lover of tennis . . . with your winning smile, you're bound for success!

Traffic Squad 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Elm Leaves 3; "Seventeen" Staff 3; Class Treasurer 4; Recreation Council 2, 3; Girls' State Alternate 3; Girls' Sports 3, 4; Cashier, Checker of Receipts 4; Junior Prom Committee 2; Elm Business Manager 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Tennis Tournament 3.

SUZANNE MOORE

"Life is just a bowl of cherries."

Suze . . . small stature, but a big heart . . . a loyal friend . . . fun to be with because of her great sense of humor . . . neat dresser . . . loves to sew and does it expertly . . . may be seen at any time driving the Packard convertible around town full of kids . . . plans to study costume designing in New York . . . Best of luck, Suze!

Operetta 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Sophomore Hop Decorations 2; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Recreation Council 4; Elm Advertising Committee 4.

M. JANE MORELL

"Hitch your wagon to a star."

Janie . . . a smart appearing gal always looking ahead to the future . . . hardly ever seen without a smile, she is one of few who possess incomparable wit . . . has a great appreciation for "Birdland" music and loves to swim . . . plans a modeling career in New York . . . Good luck, Keed!

Choir 4; Dramatic Club 4; Latin Club 2; Senior Plays Staff 4.

DOUGLAS LEE MULLER

"They who are pleased themselves must always please."

Doug . . . a good looker . . . a great admirer of girls . . . girls are great admirers of him . . . always smiling . . . in his eye there is a mischievous gleam . . . a lover of sports . . . respected and well liked by all . . . headed for success.

Student Council 2, 3; J. V. Baseball Team 2; Class Soccer Team 2, 3; Class Basketball Team 2, 3.

DANIEL J. MURPHY

"As merry as the day is long."

Murph . . . never a care in the world . . . cute . . . usually found at the golf course or with a club . . . mischievous . . . lighthearted and friendly . . . sharp dresser . . . twinkle in his eye . . . always ready with a grin . . . can be found mostly with "the boys" . . . Is headed for the Navy . . . The best to you, Dan!

Golf Team 2.

MICHAEL G. MURPHY

"A genial manner makes life's journey smooth."

Mike . . . easy going . . . friendly . . . dependable . . . popular . . . sincere . . . loyal to the "guys" . . . sports lover . . . car enthusiast . . . whenever you need a ride, ask Mike . . . can always be counted on for a good time . . . plans to enter college . . . Best of luck!

Student Council 4; Elm Literary Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee Chairman 3; J. V. Basketball 2; Recreation Council 3, 4; Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; Class Basketball 3, 4; Tennis Team 3, 4; Golf Team 2; Youth Government 3; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

PAMELA MARY MURPHY

"Leave such to trifle with more grace and ease, whom Folly pleases, and who's Follies please."

Pam . . . blue eyes, blonde hair . . . easy going . . . fun loving . . . always on the go . . . enjoys dancing, skiing, skating, and hiking . . . hopes to become an airline hostess . . . good luck to you in your chosen field.

SAMUEL HOWARD NAZZARO

"He preferred to be good rather than to seem so."

Sam . . . quiet . . . sincere . . . neat . . . loyal friend . . . dry sense of humor . . . in every way a gentleman . . . is never rushed by the time element . . . intends going on to a trade school . . . best of everything in the future, Sam.

Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

WILLIAM HENRY NECKERMANN

"Wonders will never cease."

Bill . . . quiet at times . . . always ready for a good time . . . loves to antagonize the teachers . . . mischievous nature . . . never a dull moment when Bill is around . . . all around good sport . . . there's lots of space between his head and his feet . . . "Found any new stamps lately?" . . . his future plans are college . . . Good luck, Bill!

JOHN OLANDER

"The opportunity to do mischief is found a hundred times a day."

Jackie . . . an easy going, fun loving way . . . a smile for everyone . . . abundant curls envied by many girls . . . good-looking . . . always ready for a good time . . . neat dresser . . . can be counted on for witty remarks . . . mischievous . . . isn't worried by studies . . . an eye for the girls . . . plans to enter the Navy . . . Best of luck to you, Jackie.

ROSEMARIE A. PACHOLSKI

"Diligence conquereth all things."

Rie . . . quiet and unassuming on the surface, but underneath are mischievous ways . . . dependable . . . a congenial classmate . . . always ready to help . . . enjoys dancing, records, swimming, and piano playing . . . will be the nursing school's gain and Wethersfield's loss.

Library Assistant 3; Chorus 4; Usher for "Seventeen" Matinee 3.

MARION LORRAINE OLIVER

"Dancing feet, laughing eyes, bubbling spirits, merry wise."

Little Mo . . . full of mischief and loads of fun . . . neat little miss . . . has the most contagious laugh . . . cheerful . . . diligent worker . . . dances with such agility and finesse . . . wants to be a Private Secretary . . . Good luck in Junior College, Mo!

Elm Leaves 2, 3, 4; Class News Editor for Elm Leaves 2; Senior Play Cast 4; Latin Club 2; Elm Staff 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Choir 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Autumn Flair Committee 3; Fiesta Committee 4; Co-chairman of Sophomore Hop 2; Sportsmanship Trophy Committee 3; Laurel Girls' State Representative 3; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

ERNEST J. J. PANDOLFI

"Goodness of disposition is the gift of nature."

Ernie . . . one of the "boys" . . . would do anything for a friend . . . liked by all . . . an ardent admirer of Martha's Vineyard . . . has a way with cars . . . if you can't see Ernie's car, you can hear it . . . further plans are to attend a trade school where we wish him the best.

JOYCE M. OSTROWSKI

"With solace and gladness, Much mirth and no madness."

Joyce . . . pleasant . . . friendly . . . good student . . . enthusiastic talker . . . always willing to do more than her share . . . warm and sincere personality . . . tal-l-l and neat as a pin . . . sure to succeed in college.

Leaders' Club 4; Elm Staff 4; Sports 3, 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

KENNETH I. PARKES

"The opportunity to do mischief is found a hundred times a day."

Kippy . . . good looking . . . one of our bigger classmates . . . unfailingly cheerful . . . flashing eyes of mischief . . . amiable grin . . . likes hunting, boating, cars . . . not often bothered by studies . . . friendly toward everyone . . . if someone is "horsing around," it's bound to be Kippy . . . easy to get along with . . . may success be yours in the future.

ROBERT V. OUELLETTE

"He has no enemies because he knows not how to make them."

Robbie . . . a regular fellow . . . reserved . . . quiet exterior hides a fun-loving nature . . . hearty laugh . . . nice to have around . . . good natured . . . cooperative and thoughtful of others . . . reliable . . . once a pal, always a pal . . . enjoys sports . . . plans to enter college.

J. V. Baseball 2, 3; Slide Rule Club 2, 3; Class Soccer 3, 4; Class Basketball 3, 4.

DAINIS PAVASARS

"Kind hearts are more than Coronets."

Dainis . . . a newcomer to our school . . . shows a real interest in the Foreign Policy and French Clubs . . . is very fond of chess . . . willing worker . . . rather retiring . . . displays a subtle sense of humor . . . May good fortune always be with you, Dainis!

French Club 4; Foreign Policy Club 4.

DANIEL JOSEPH PAYNE

"Quiet persons are welcome everywhere."

Danny . . . quiet . . . works hard at all he attempts . . . outside interests including collecting coins . . . easy going . . . likeable fellow . . . a steady worker . . . mild ways . . . he plans to attend college . . . good luck, Danny.

CELESTE ELAINE PELLETTIERI

"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice"

Cece . . . conscientious . . . a shy smile and a pleasing way . . . not so reserved at a hen party . . . neat as a pin . . . artistic ability . . . wears clothes well . . . always willing to lend a helping hand . . . winsome ways will make her a success in college.

Leaders Club 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Girls' Sports 2, 3, 4; Co-Chairmen Publicity Junior Prom 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Recreation Council 4; Senior Class Picnic Co-chairman.

MARCIA LYNNE PETERSON

"Sport that wrinkled care derides,
And laughter holding both its sides."

Marsh . . . has a serious side but it seldom shows . . . has everyone in stitches when that laugh of hers comes forth . . . Hee! Hee! Hee! . . . honor student . . . always is so neatly dressed . . . "Oh, Gertrude!" . . . a good friend to all . . . will enjoy college to its fullest extent!

Baccalaureate Co-chairman 4; Vice-President of Dramatic Club 3; Elm Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4; Feature Editor of Elm Leaves 2; Class Night Usher 3; Graduation Usher 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Treasurer of Student Council 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Secretary of National Honor Society 4; Elm Staff 4; Latin Club 2; Senior Plays Cast 4; Girls' Glee Club 2; Operetta Staff 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Cashier 4; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Autumn Flair Committee 3; Fiesta Committee Chairman 4; Foreign Policy Club 4; Class Ring Committee 3; National Thespian Society 4.

DEBORAH DUNHAM PICKUP

"We live by admiration, hope, and love."

Debby . . . always ready for a laugh . . . quiet until you once get to know her . . . is avidly interested in our Latin American neighbors . . . enjoys horse back riding and playing the castanets . . . eventually her plans will include breeding and training horses on her own ranch . . . Good luck, Senorita!

Soccer 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4.

SARA WINSLOW PIPER

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

Sar . . . carefree . . . has a smile for everyone . . . always ready for some fun . . . "Don't know, do ya?" . . . enjoys all that has to do with music . . . her pleasant ways have won her many friends . . . Lots of luck in the business world, Sar.

Latin Club 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Operetta Staff 2, 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Foreign Policy Club 3; Leaders' Club 4; Jazz Club 3.

GILBERT ROGER POYNTON

"Speech may be silver but silence is gold."

Roger . . . quiet and reticent . . . friendly and good-natured to those who know him, but retiring and reserved to those who don't . . . shy . . . loyal . . . likes both fishing and coin collecting . . . will surely find success in college.

JOHN HOWARD PRATT

"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

John . . . active in dramatics, enjoys reading . . . reserved, but thoroughly enjoys life . . . deep thinker beneath his easy-going manner . . . a sincere friend . . . best of luck to John in studying for the Ministry.

Footlighters 2, 3, 4; National Thespian Society 3, 4; President of Thespian Society 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Slide Rule Club 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Senior Play Cast 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3, 4; Fire Squad 3, 4; Lights and Lenses 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Staff 2, 3; Merit Scholarship Competitor 4.

AUDREY E. PRENTICE

"No task is too great for a heart so big."

Bonnie . . . a bit of wit, sincerity, poise, silliness, seriousness, all in one little package . . . a passion for motorcycles and western music . . . "H'lo Ba-be" . . . blue, blue eyes . . . quite a linguist . . . "Party, Party" . . . a pleasantness which cannot be matched . . . "Oh, Punkin" . . . excellent student . . . will never lack friends . . . college will welcome her.

Dramatic Club 2; Elm Leaves 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Latin Club 2; Junior Classical League 2; Badminton 2, 3; Traffic Squad 4; Leaders Club 4; Baccalaureate Usher 3; Youth Government 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Ring Committee 3; Recreation Council 2, 3; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

SHIRLEY PROVENCHER

"Big things come in small packages."

Shorty . . . full of pep . . . a bouncy little package . . . makes up for her size with enthusiasm and chatter . . . enjoys sports: swimming, basketball, and baseball . . . a snappy little gal with her own sense of humor . . . Best of luck to you, Shirley, in your office work.

Senior Plays Usher 4.

JANE BEVERLY QUINTILIANO

"A good sport makes a good friend."

Quintil . . . easy going, carefree and friendly . . . pleasant companion . . . always ready for a laugh . . . sparkling personality . . . well liked by all . . . never a dull moment when Quintil's around . . . sure success in college or nursing.

Leaders Club 4; Senior Plays 4; Elm Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Recreation Council 4; Girls' Sports 4.

ROBERTA JANE RANDALL

"A vision of blonde loveliness."

Bobbie . . . spun-gold hair . . . striking features . . . pleasing smile . . . amiable and sincere . . . a diligent worker . . . an excellent student . . . Junior Achievement leader . . . sure to do well in any college.

Dramatic Club 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Glee Club 2; Choir 3, 4; Elm Leaves 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Operetta 2, 3; Graduation Usher 3; Girl's State Alternate 3.

BETTY ANN RICCARDO

"Mischief is king and I am its slave."

Betty . . . likes to have a good time . . . a joke for the right occasion . . . a genuine carrot top . . . Where did you get those blonde eyelashes? . . . favorite pastime, writing letters . . . spends time listening to records . . . "I like the Navy" . . . marriage in the near future awaits her . . . Good luck, Betty!

Leaders Club 4; Elm Staff 4; Soccer 4; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 4.

RONALD A. RINGENBACK

"Smiles and Laughter are the best essentials for making Friends."

Ron . . . new this year . . . has the ability to make many friends . . . has become familiar to us by his friendly grin, a cheerful word, and suit jackets . . . has a real nice car, and he enjoys working on it . . . hopes to go to UConn . . . Best wishes, Ron!

Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

PATRICIA MAY ROSE

"Thy modesty's a candle to thy merit."

Pat . . . quiet until you know her . . . friendly disposition . . . pleasing ways . . . wonderful athlete . . . easy to get along with . . . takes life in her stride . . . cheerful and energetic . . . enjoys all sports . . . avid sports fan.

Leaders Club 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Soccer 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; Senior Play Production Staff 4.

ERWIN JOHN RUCH

"Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep."

Er . . . a quiet, but not shy, respected senior who goes all out for sports . . . in the other extreme, he likes art and cars . . . a levelheaded guy, who in all his quietness is surely destined to receive the best, whether it be in technical school or in the Air Force.

Varsity Soccer 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Baseball Team 2; Class Soccer 2; Intramural Soccer 2.

JO-ANNE CAROLE RUGLIO

"A winning way, a pleasant smile,
Dressed so neat, and quite in style."

Porky . . . petite and neat . . . a figure envied by all . . . displays a keen sense of humor . . . a neat dresser with a wonderful taste in clothes . . . enjoys art . . . can always be depended on if there's any decorations needed for dances . . . we hope you find great happiness in the Junior College of your choice.

Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Girls' Sports 4; Recreation Council 4; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3.

CHARLES P. RUSHFORTH, III

"'Tis well to be Merry and Wise."

Toby . . . Tobe to his close friends . . . a real hustler at inside right . . . a nice looker with a great big smile and a kind word for everyone . . . small but solid . . . very quiet and well mannered . . . intends to go on to college where he's certain to be most welcome.

Latin Club 2; Inter Class Soccer 2, 3; Class Basketball 2, 3, 4; J. V. Baseball 3; Varsity Soccer 4; Varsity Tennis 3.

THEODORE H. SCHROLL, JR.

"He goes his way quiet and undisturbed."

Ted . . . a regular fellow . . . always ready for a good time . . . "Come on! One more goal!" . . . "Any more new parts for my jalopy?" . . . liked by all . . . hard worker and good student . . . future plans are to serve Uncle Sam in some way.

Varsity Soccer 3, 4; J. V. Baseball 2; Class Soccer 2.

PATRICIA ELLEN RUST

"Gifted greatly is she who has artistic hands."

Rusty . . . vivacious . . . a true and loyal friend . . . hardworking girl . . . full of fun . . . talented in art . . . always on the go . . . ambitious . . . usually found laughing . . . pleasant to be with . . . lively and gay.

Choir 2, 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Glee Club 2; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Recreation Council 4.

ANTHONY A. SERKSNAS

"Take life too seriously, and what is it worth?"

Tony . . . very easy-going and jovial . . . likes a good laugh . . . in everything he attempts, he puts forth great effort . . . his friendly attitude makes him well liked . . . lots of common sense . . . plans to go on to college.

Latin Club 2; Fire Squad 3, 4; Senior Plays Production 4; Elm Leaves 3, 4.

JANET LUISE SCHELLER

"Kindness is virtue itself."

Janet . . . neat in appearance . . . hard worker . . . as loyal and true as friends come . . . always ready for fun and mischief . . . the gal with her share of common sense . . . a smile for all . . . trustworthy and dependable . . . best wishes in your coming marriage.

Girls' Glee Club 2; Dramatic Club 2; Tennis Tournament 2; Ticket Committee for Senior Plays 4.

ELEANOR STEWART SHARPE

"Who speaks the least, sees the most."

Ellie . . . a quiet exterior penetrated by a fun loving nature . . . fair with blonde, blonde hair . . . lover of sports . . . easy going . . . sincere . . . true friend . . . plans to attend Hillyer College.

Leaders Club 4.

BARBARA ANN SCHROLL

"Energy and persistence conquer all things."

Barb . . . full of mischief . . . original in her ideas . . . carefree attitude . . . gleaming hair . . . never a party without Barb . . . the evil in her eye . . . always see Barb behind the wheel of her big "Buick" . . . good luck in Junior College.

Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Elm Staff 4; Leaders Club 4; Recreation Council 4.

RICHARD F. SKELLY

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Skel-our Jekyl and Hyde . . . life of a party and loves a lot of fun . . . serious if you need advice and a sincere friend . . . a neat dresser . . . a true Irishman in looks and temperament . . . never lacking in a good word for everyone . . . "Hey, come on, need a ride to Fitzi's?" . . . Best of luck in college!

Junior Varsity Baseball 2; Dramatic Club 2; Recreation Council 3, 4; Senior Play Staff 4; Elm Staff 4;

MARILYN MARGARET SKORUPSKI

"A heart full of sunshine and a soul full of song."

Marilyn . . . mischievous smile . . . a flair for the unusual . . . talented pianist . . . vivacious . . . sharp dresser . . . friendly to all . . . personality plus . . . cheerful manner . . . always on the go . . . a credit to her class . . . success will be hers.

National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Council 2; Parade of Youth Correspondent 4; Elm Leaves 2, 3, 4; Library Assistant 2, 3, 4; Foreign Policy Club, Vice Chairman 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Staff 4; Latin Club 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Operetta 2, 3; Dramatic Club 3; Dance Band 4; National Thespian Society 4.

DONALD SMITH

"What's probing deep has never solved the mystery of sleep."

Don . . . quiet . . . where there's fun you'll find him . . . very interested in Entomology . . . loves to fix cars . . . favorite sports are hunting and fishing . . . service in a branch of the Armed Forces appears in the near future . . . best of everything, Don!

ROBERT JOSEPH SMOLENSKI

"Ability wins us the esteem of true men."

Smoky . . . good looking . . . popular . . . very attractive to the opposite sex . . . an able leader . . . neat dresser . . . carefree ways . . . reliable . . . admired and respected by all . . . enjoys sports, music . . . will long be remembered as a classmate of whom all are proud.

Student Council 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; National Honor Society 3, 4, President 4; Varsity Soccer 2, 3; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; J. V. Basketball 2; Varsity Baseball 2, 3, 4; Nutmeg Boys' State 3; Traffic Squad 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Junior Marshall 3; Junior Prom Committee Chairman 3; Harvard Book Award 3; Youth Government Day, Judge 3; Senior Banquet Co-chairman 4.

RICHARD A. ST. AMAND

"Right living will produce right thinking."

Saint . . . silent but knowing . . . good athlete and seen on our athletic fields most of the time . . . a natural in sports . . . hopes to become a Physical Education or an Industrial Arts teacher . . . Hope you reach your goal in whichever field you choose.

Varsity Soccer 3, 4; Class Soccer 2; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Intramural Soccer 2; J. V. Basketball 2; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; J. V. Baseball 2.

EDWARD STANTON

"What's the use of worrying?"

Ed . . .tall . . . dark . . . handsome . . . carefree Ed . . . is the deepest of blushers . . . doesn't believe in rushing a matter . . . quiet only in the classroom . . . interested in photography . . . immediate plans include lending a helping hand to Uncle Sam in the armed services . . . sorry, no pegged pants there, Ed.

JANICE ELISE STEEGE

"Profound sincerity is the true basis of character."

Janice . . . quiet and earnest . . . sincere and easy going . . . true friend . . . conscientious worker . . . a little blush now and then reveals her modesty . . . enjoys talking on the phone . . . plans to attend secretarial school . . . is sure to meet with much success.

Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production 4; Latin Club 2.

ROBERT HAMPTON STEELE

"A man who thinks for himself."

Bob . . . conscientious and respected . . . a capable President in our Junior Year . . . reserved yet amiable . . . love that smile . . . sincere manner . . . neat dresser . . . sure success in college and later life is yours.

Decoration Chairman 2; Junior Varsity Baseball 2; Class President 3; Class Ring Committee 3; Boy's State Representative 3; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3; Fire Squad 3, 4; Elm Staff 4; Traffic Squad 4; Student Government 3; Junior Prom Usher 3.

NANCY ANN STEFANO

"Always a good sport; most of all a good friend."

Nanc . . . small . . . neat . . . always ready with a warm smile . . . "How about those bookkeeping classes, Nanc???" . . . enjoys collecting and listening to records . . . gets tremendous enjoyment out of talking on the telephone . . . after graduation she plans to attend a secretarial school . . . may you succeed in all your endeavors, Nancy!

Badminton 2; Latin Club 2, 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Usherette 4.

ROLAND STEINER

"Be friendly and you will never lack friends."

Roland . . . quiet in an impish sort of way . . . possesses a contagious smile . . . nice looking . . . neat dresser . . . cheerful . . . fun loving . . . always looking for a good time and usually finds one . . . enjoys hunting, fishing and baseball . . . plans to further his education . . . best of luck to you in whatever you do, Roland!

ROBERT G. STRUTHERS

"Calm, through all the days."

Strut . . . underneath the quiet exterior can be found merry and easygoing ways . . . has many friends . . . one of the gang . . . a kind word given to all . . . nothing to bother him too much . . . usually found tinkering with something . . . loves to hunt . . . plans on entering the service.

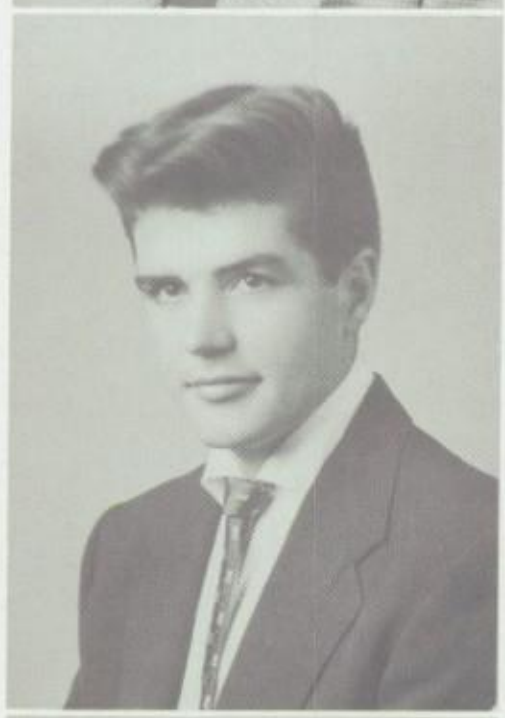
Class Soccer 2.

EDWARD H. STERLING

"What one dares to dream of, he dares to do."

Eddie . . . always ready for a good time . . . "Who's at the State this weekend?" . . . "Anyone for some jazz?" . . . where's your buddy "Eddy"? . . . why are you blushing? . . . likes to tinker with cars . . . particularly interested in photography . . . plans to do air photography in the U. S. Navy . . . good luck in the future!

Class Soccer 2; Class Basketball 2, 3.



PATRICIA SULLIVAN

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."

Pat . . . a quiet exterior conceals a fun loving nature . . . loyal to her friends . . . fun to be with . . . enjoys art and draws beautifully, but SAL is her favorite hobby . . . cheerful . . . congenial manner . . . plans to be married after graduation . . . Pat, loads of luck to you in the future.

PHILIP H. STEVENS

"One who makes his companions laugh deserves happiness."

Phil . . . great wit . . . always smiling . . . well-known by all . . Elm Leaves editorial enthusiast . . . class architect . . . loves designing, especially immobile mobiles . . . His small size is no indication of his personality . . . will pursue his architectural interests after school.

Latin Club 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer of Dramatic Club 3; President of Dramatic Club 4; Thespian Society 3, 4; Slide Rule Club 3; Elm Leaves Advertising 4.

CAROLYN JEAN SYLVESTER

"Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever."

Carol . . . quiet but friendly to all . . . seldom seen without Dot . . . likes to cook and enjoys swimming . . . a genuine smile with true warmth will always be her asset . . . hope your job in insurance will find you happy!

RAYMOND JOHN STEVENS

"Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together."

Ray . . . although quiet, he is a true friend to those he knows well . . . a sportsman who enjoys fishing and hunting . . . plans to enter the Armed Forces or go on to another field.

DAVID BRUCE TASKO

"Let thy words be few."

Dave . . . Vasco De Gama . . . quiet, unassuming . . . not a care in the world . . . car enthusiast . . . calm, cool and collected . . . easygoing . . . takes life's problems as they come . . . occasionally does some homework . . . plans to continue his education.

Class Soccer 2, 3, 4; Intermural Soccer 3; J. V. Baseball 2.

JACOBA MARGARET TAYLOR

"The wealth of mankind is the wisdom they leave."

Koby . . . one of the most liked and respected classmates . . . warmhearted, friendly manner to all . . . tall and attractive . . . one of the best . . . high ranking in scholarship and service . . . success will be hers.

National Honor Society 3, 4, Vice President 4; Recreation Council 3, Secretary 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3; Elm Literary Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Musicals 2, 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Merit Scholarship Competition Leaders' Club 3, 4; Elm Leaves Staff 2, 3; Foreign Policy 4; Bowling Club 3; Girls' Sports 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Glee Club 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Traffic Squad 4; National Thespian Society 4.

JANICE TOCE

"If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another."

Jan . . . an easy going. fun loving nature . . . sincere and friendly . . . enjoys bowling and dancing . . . takes life in her stride . . . pleasant disposition . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . plans for the future are indefinite . . . good luck in whatever you attempt.

SHEILA BARBARA TOUBMAN

"Wisdom of many wit of one."

Sheil . . . her pixie like smile and big brown eyes are sure signs of a winning personality . . . always looking for a laugh and usually gets it . . . laughable, lovable and loyal to her friends . . . loves clothes . . . wit? always there with some.

National Honor Society 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Glee Club 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Class Night and Graduation Usher 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Recreation Council 2, 4; Elm Leaves Staff 3; Elm Literary Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Merit Scholarship Competition 4; National Thespian Society 4.

BARBARA ANN TRACY

"A rare combination of fun, frolic and friendship."

Trac . . . quiet with people she doesn't know . . . neat . . . well dressed . . . "Hey, Trac, how's the shorthand coming???" . . . a nice, sweet gal, an asset to our class . . . a genial heart that claims many friends . . . plans to work in an office after graduation . . . lots of luck, Trac!

Recreation Council 4; Senior Plays Staff 4; Senior Plays Production 4.

MICHAEL JEROME TRETOLA

"Never worries over trouble, life to him is one big bubble."

Taranch . . . likeable . . . laughable . . . light-hearted . . . happy-go-lucky . . . "I feel like doing something" . . . magnetic personality . . . always willing to help a friend . . . "Anyone for skiing?" . . . Hi there, Mr. Grady . . . future plans are to help Uncle Sam in the United States Navy . . . then go to college.

A. ELIZABETH TRUEX

"She who values the merits of others and in their pleasure takes joy. is the happiest of persons."

Bets . . . you'll find her serious or bubbling with joy; either way she's a genuine friend and fine student . . . enthusiastic worker . . . very active in school and church . . . seamstress par excellence . . . dresses extremely well . . . with her high ideals and admirable character, Bets will be a welcome addition to the women's college of her choice.

Choir 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Elm Leaves 2, 3-Sports Editor 3; Class Secretary 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Co-chairman of Junior Prom 3; Ring Committee 3; Queen's Court 3; Dramatic Club 3; Leaders' Club 3 4; Recreation Council 3, 4; Student Council Alternate 4; Traffic Squad 4; Elm Literary Editor 4; Senior Play Staff-Student Co-ordinator 4; Foreign Policy Club 4; Girls' Sports 3, 4.

MARY LOUISE TRYASKUS

"Music was a thing of the soul."

Honey . . . attractive . . . good natured . . . independent . . . has an ear for music . . . one of our favorite pianists . . . believes in having a good time . . . doesn't lack for male companionship . . . always makes the most of everything . . . Only happiness awaits you.

Choir 3; Senior Play Production Staff 4.

JAMES T. VANDERGRIFT

"He is great enough that is his own master..'

Jimmy . . . good natured and friendly . . . takes an interest in tinkering with cars . . . neat dresser . . . tall, liked and respected . . . mischievous nature . . . conscientious . . . avid bowling enthusiast, also enjoys swimming . . . loyal friend . . . one of our good lookers . . . success will be yours at college, followed by the service.

Track 2; Class Soccer Team 2.

ANTHONY F. VIGNONE

"Many persons feel art; some understand it; but few both feel and understand."

Tony . . . quiet, reserved, but fun when you get to know him . . . quick wit . . . class artist . . . with his ever-present slide rule . . . tremendous potential . . . refreshingly independent . . . enjoys oil painting . . . Best of luck in your chosen field.

Elm Leaves 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Dramatic Club 4; Elm Staff 4; French Club 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4.

CRAIG P. WALLACE

"And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

Craig . . . our most easy going classmate who's more interested in cars and mechanics than homework or girls . . . loves to talk, and with reason—he has a most pleasing voice and pleasant ways . . . always plays up trouble and always enjoys himself everywhere . . . more power to you! . . . Best of luck in college.

Fire Squad 3, 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Elm Staff 4.

DOROTHY WALLACE

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

Dot . . . a cute little miss with a peaches and cream complexion . . . lovely eyes . . . a friendly disposition . . . enjoys ceramics and dancing . . . full of fun . . . a carefree smile . . . good sense of humor . . . petite and neat . . . a pleasant manner.

RICHARD ANDERSON WAMESTER

"Wise to resolve and patient to perform."

Dick . . . one of our most respected classmates . . . quiet and blushes frequently . . . sincere and dependable . . . a good dresser, always conservative . . . hopes to become a Pharmacist . . . Good luck, Dick, in everything!

Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Varsity Basketball 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Class Soccer 2, 4.

JUDITH MARR WATSON

"A twinkle in her eye and laughter in her heart."

Judy . . . "Miss Friendly of 1956" . . . always a smile and a good word . . . never missed a soccer game . . . "O.K.! Folks" . . . sincere . . . never ending willingness to help others . . . loves sports . . . good luck as a Medical Secretary, Judy!

Girls' Soccer 3, 4; Girls' Basketball 2, 3, 4; Girls' Baseball 3, 4; Badminton Champion 2, 3; Choir 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Recreation Council 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2; Student Council 3; Senior Ball Committee Chairman 4.

DAVID NEWTON WEBSTER

"Let not your heart be troubled."

Webb . . . well-liked by all who know him . . . possesses a vast collection of witty sayings . . . enjoys collecting records, weight lifting, and drinking coffee in Fitzy's! . . . plans to enter the Army and then a voice school . . . Good luck!

Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 3; Operetta Staff 2, 3.

JOAN MARY WEBSTER

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Joanie . . . enjoys a good time . . . unassuming and conservative in her ways . . . her lovely black hair is adored by many . . . quiet when not among close friends . . . enjoys piano, dancing, singing and mostly Floyd . . . plans to become a secretary.

Choir 2, 3; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Dramatic Club 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Girls' Choir 2.

BRUCE WHITCOMB

"A good nature brings many friends."

Bruce . . . a quiet and likeable fellow . . . wavy blond hair . . . presents a neat appearance . . . a hearty laugh . . . a twinkle in his eyes . . . easygoing . . . an ardent hunter . . . "nary a care" in the world . . . good luck in the Navy, Bruce.

PENELOPE ELAINE WILDER

"Happy is her nature, but deep are her thoughts."

Pen . . . combination of a sophisticated and merry girl . . . unbounded enthusiasm . . . never a quiet moment when Pen's around . . . although usually seen laughing, also has her serious side . . . reads much, talks more . . . prefers Beethoven to Brubeck . . . "Who's got a ciggy?" . . . her loyalty and sincerity have won her many friends.

Girls' Sports 2, 3, 4; Cheerleaders 2; Sophomore Hop Committee 2; Cheerleading Manager 3; Leader's Club 3; Dramatic Club 3; Ticket Co-chairman of Junior Prom 3; Queen's Court 3; Youth Government 3; Operetta Staff 3; Elm Staff 4; Senior Plays Production Staff 4; Foreign Policy Club 4.

GENEVIEVE WILKOS

"Merry and gay, such pleasant ways."

Jenny . . . friendly smile . . . cute . . . has a cute, Polish accent . . . "Hey Kids!" . . . good natured . . . fun to be with . . . lively . . . there's a twinkle in her eye . . . willing to help . . . plans to enter college . . . success in whatever you may do, Jenny.

Recreation Council 4.

DONALD L. WILSON

"A merry heart gladdens the hearts of others."

Willie . . . his tallness and his loping gait make him stand out . . . his Cockney accent regales his many friends . . . his sense of humor makes him well-liked . . . bright grin . . . individualist . . . a more serious side not as well known . . . really a deep thinker.

Slide Rule Club 3; Fire Squad 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Dance Band 4; Foreign Policy Club 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Elm Leaves 3, 4; Choir 2; National Thespian Society 4.

CONRAD J. WINALSKI

"The face, the form and the skills of an athlete."

Connie . . . versatile . . . true lover of sports . . . good looking . . . neat appearance . . . respected by all his classmates . . . friendly and ofttimes quiet . . . wonderful sense of humor . . . smile from ear to ear . . . co-ordination plus . . . plans to enter college.

Varsity Soccer 3, 4; Captain of Soccer Team 4; J. V. Basketball 2; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Junior Prom King 3.

CONSTANCE ELEANOR WOLCOTT

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Connie . . . an unusual combination of silence and confidence . . . has pleasant ways . . . very neat and efficient . . . does a great deal of sewing . . . possesses qualifications for becoming a successful Private Secretary.

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Student Council 2; Recreation Council 2; Elm Staff 4; Senior Play Cast 4; Operetta Staff 2, 3; National Thespian Society 4.

JOHN WOOD

"The opportunity for doing mischief is found a hundred times a day."

John . . . quiet . . . "How many ducks did you get?" . . . loves to fish . . . spends most of his time working on his car . . . liked by his schoolmates . . . future plans include attending college and then joining Uncle Sam in the service . . . good luck, John.

LeROY WOOD

"An opportunity well taken is the only weapon of advantage."

Roy . . . the most carefree guy you'd ever want to meet . . . can always be found where there's an uproar . . . has good taste in the opposite sex . . . possesses unusual wit . . . is an active member in the Naval Reserve . . . plans to join the Navy upon graduation . . . the best to you, Roy!

ROBERT W. WRIGHT

"It is better to be small and shine than great and cast a shadow."

Bob . . . Tiger to close friends . . . cute indeed . . . small but powerful . . . always ready for a good time . . . good natured . . . pleasing personality . . . liked by all . . . "a merry ole soul" . . . unmatched laugh . . . one of our best . . . full of vim and vigor . . . enjoys reading . . . plans to enter Engineering College.

Fire Squad 3, 4; Recreation Council 3, 4.

JOSEPH JOHN YEDZINIAK, JR.

"Laughing cheerfulness throws sunlight on all the paths of life."

Buddy . . . a new student who came to us from Hartford High . . . their loss, our gain . . . a big smile for everyone . . . cheerful . . . friendly . . . Oh those dimples!! . . . mischievous ways . . . enjoys bowling, ping-pong, and billiards . . . plans to attend college or help Uncle Sam in the Air Force . . . Best of luck in whatever you do, Bud.

Intramural Volleyball 3, 4; Class Basketball 3, 4.

ROBERTA LORRAINE YOCUM

"Happiness must live in her heart."

Bobbie . . . loves fun in any manner, shape or form . . . loyal to her friends . . . always ready to give her opinion . . . imaginative . . . active . . . always has a bit . . . "Does anybody want to go to Friendly's?" . . . will make a good nurse.

Latin Club 2; Choir 2, 3; Elm Leaves 2; Senior Play Production Staff 4; Leaders Club 4; Girls Sports 4; Elm Staff 4; Cap and Gown Committee Chairman.

In Memoriam

ROBERT FRANCIS MAHONEY

March 11, 1938 — July 31, 1954

In loving memory of Robert F. Mahoney,
who was respected and admired
by all his classmates.

Honor Students

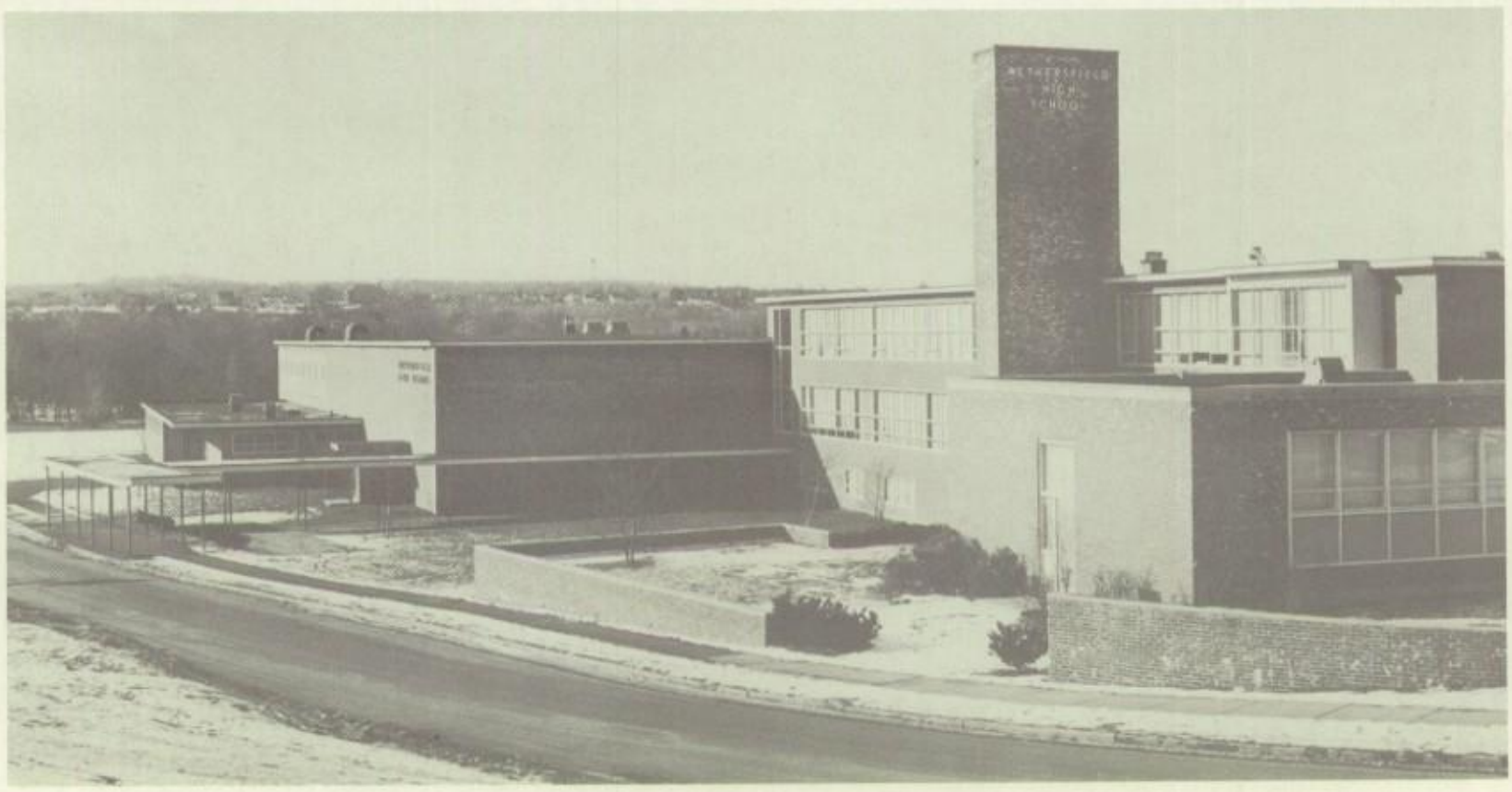
SHEILA B. TOUBMAN
Salutatorian

MARILYN E. GOMETZ
Valedictorian

Pupils who have maintained a "B" average since tenth grade.

Virginia M. Ambrose
Maxine J. Brizes
Judith R. Carlin
Larry L. Carter
Walter H. Coughlin, Jr.
Nancy E. Detweiler
Jean L. Ford
Salvatore Gionfriddo
Marilyn E. Gometz
Dermond Kelleher
Robert C. Kerber
Barbara A. Kessler
Nancy A. Lane
Elvia Magnuson
Sandra F. Merithew
David W. Messer
Ellen M. Mislick
Marion L. Oliver
Marcia L. Peterson
Audrey E. Prentice
Roberta J. Randall
A. Anthony Serksnas
Robert J. Smolenski
Robert H. Steele
Jacoba M. Taylor
Sheila B. Toubman
A. Elizabeth Truex
Anthony F. Vignone

Through the Castle



Literary

Court History

The Class of 1956 hopefully entered through the welcoming gates of knowledge to the first of three years of a new adventure under the close and careful guidance of our new magistrate Mr. Skirm and court advisers Miss Cheney and Mr. Parker.

Needing someone to preside over our activities, we duly elected fellowcitizen George LaCava as our Head Squire, Maryann Hayes our Assistant Squire, Betsy Truex as Keeper of the Scroll, and Judy Goodell as Keeper of the Coins. And then since we had been assigned to certain palace rooms, each room sent two delegates to the Grand Council which controlled the entire Palace.

When our government plans were well under way, our minds readily turned to the Soccer Tournaments held on the Stillman Arena under our new coach Mr. Mason. Bob Grabner and Bob Smolenski contributed their sportsmen's ability which led us to a final duel in the sport. Our energetic princesses Ginny Ambrose and Judy Goodell led the palace crowd in the battle cries, but, in this particular year, we lost the first round.

Meanwhile Carol Chidsey had represented our palace in an All-State Concert, where other musically-minded citizens from neighboring kingdoms joined the throngs.

The kingdom changed scenes as we moved to a different area. Our new palace was much bigger and more modern as palaces go. Its maze of halls and intricate passages awed us for a while, but soon our minds once more wandered to more Tournament Games called basketball. The gallant knights fought bravely and well in duels with neighboring kingdoms and the use of our brand new indoor arena came into existence. Jay Beal on the varsity, Dick St. Amand, Mike Murphy, Dick Wamester, Bob Smolenski, Lyn Jope, Connie Winalski, and Al Boyer on jayvee battled, but unfortunately we did not emerge victors.

To take our minds off our woes temporarily was the first social gathering ever to be held in our new palace. Under the capable hands of Marion Oliver and Jack Donaghue, we presented The Winter Whirl. Barbara Schroll, Bob Steel and committee converted the new arena into an attractive winter wonderland; Ginny Ambrose, Bob Grabner and their councilmen depicted an era of gaiety as they decorated the palace halls with posters; the committees of Nancy Lane and Danny D'Esopo arranged for music, of Mary Carr and Nicky Champ provided the refreshments, and of Nancy Detweiler and Buck Griswold had tickets printed for the occasion. All in all the Whirl was a big success and it added many pleasant moments for us to remember.

Soon afterwards more honor was bestowed upon the class as two of our plebes Carol Chidsey and Nancy Lane received Honorable Mentions in the Scholastic Writing contest.

Others contributed their musical ability to the successful performance of "Up on Old Smokey," while some joined the ranks of the first palace band.

In the spring even though our new outdoor arena was flooded, we transferred our baseball diamond to our former field of combat where Beal, Wamester, Greene, and Smolenski valiantly fought, while Grabner and Fernandez contributed their lightfootedness to the track team.

We were well on the way toward a bright future as we emerged into the middle year. We were proudly placed with the title of Juniors and for our Squires that year we elected Bob Steele as the chief man, Dick Wamester as his capable assistant, Ginny Ambrose as scroll-keeper, and Bonnie Prentice the careful guardian of our increasing funds. Smokey and Ginny had the honor of being elected as Vice President and Treasurer respectively of the Grand Council.

Our class, headed by delegates from the Grand Council and the class Squires who were invested with the power of selecting, initiated the official ring of our clan, displaying the palace emblem.

Again our men were training in the old arena for the sporting events ahead. The new participants were Ruch, Greene, Winalski, Schroll and St. Amand. The princesses with the addition of Maryann Hayes and Betsy Truex cheered, and with the help of the crowd led the team on to the final soccer triumph.

With the sound of victory still ringing in the air, we were encouraged to a successful season of basketball. We proudly displayed the regional crown won with the help of Beal, St. Amand, Smolenski, Greene, Fay, Wamester, Winalski, and Bradley, who went on to further battle in the state tournament. Though putting up a good battle, we lost by the mere score of 44-43. This was the year, too, that the emblem of the Eagle appeared on the uniforms of our teams.

A great honor was bestowed upon eleven Juniors who were inducted into the National Honor Society during a very impressive ceremony. The recipients were Ginny Ambrose, Larry Carter, Jean Ford, Marilyn Gometz, Dave Messer, Marcia Peterson, Marilyn Skorupski, Bob Smolenski, Koby Taylor, Sheila Toubman, and Betsy Truex.

The annual spring production, this year entitled "Seventeen," was performed by guildsmen of drama and music. Taking bows amid the applause and shouts of praise were Don Wilson, Dick Fippinger, Marilyn Skorupski, Betsy Truex, Marcia Peterson, Marilyn Gometz, Al Drieu, Gordy Grover, Elvia Magnuson, Sara Piper, Barbara Kessler, Koby Taylor, Sheila Toubman, Marion Oliver and Sue Morre.

The big event of the year was the Junior Prom set in a Parisian atmosphere. We can never forget that starlit night dancing through the streets of gay Paris, admiring the central attraction, the Eiffel Tower, the sidewalk cafes, the shop windows, and the colorful spring flowers. The big moment of the evening arived when everyone's attention was directed toward the throne set in the royal garden. Ushers Bernie Coughlin, Joe Fernandez, Gary Hughes, John LaDucer, Mike Low, Erwin Ruch, Dick Skelly, Buck Griswold, Bob Steele and Dick Wamester, in turn, escorted the ladies-in-waiting to their positions around the throne. The honored mademoiselles were Ginny Ambrose, Carol Chidsey, MaryJane Howarth, Nancy Kudla, Betsy Truex and Penny Wilder. With a fanfare of applause, Maryann Hayes and Connie Winalski were selected Queen and King, and Malvin Goldberg, as Court Jester, completed the royal retinue. Then everyone dreamily danced to the magical strains of "April In Paris." Vive la France! This unforgettable evening was due to the co-chairmanship of Derm Kelleher and Betsy Truex, and the committees headed by Maryann Hayes and Bob Smolenski, decorations; Celeste Pelletieri and Malvin Goldberg, publicity; Nancy Lane and Danny D'Esopo, music; Marilyn Hayes and Mike Murphy, refreshments; Penny Wilder and Bob Bradley, tickets.

Spring followed the prom and by then the baseball season was in full swing. This year the team consisted of Beal, St. Amand, Steele, Greene, Wamester, Boyer, Smolenski, Jope, and DiBattista. Running on the field were Fernandez, Dougherty, and Grabner.

Our drama students Phil Stevens, John Pratt, and Marilyn Gometz were recognized when they were installed into the newly organized Thespians; and class politicians Bob Smolenski, Bob Steele, Derm Kelleher, Ed Greene, Bob Grabner, Malvin Goldberg, Mo Oliver, Bonnie Prentice, Nancy Lane and Janice LaMarre were elected as delegates to Boys' and Girls' State.

Fellow-men Larry Carter and Bob Smolenski received the Trinity and Harvard Book Awards respectively, and Smokey was bestowed with another great honor as he and Ginny were elected by our seniors for the position of Junior Marshal.

The Baccalaureate ushers were Jay Beal, Larry Carter, Joslin Deeks, Sal Gionfriddo, Ed Greene, Bob Kerber, Dave Messer, Maxine Brizes, Jean Ford, Judy Hutchins, Nancy Lane and Bonnie Prentice; for Graduation we had Carol Chidsey, Nancy Detweiler, Marilyn Gometz, Marcia Peterson, Bobbie Randall, Koby Taylor, Sheila Toubman, Bill Dougherty, Joe Fernandez, Bob Grabner, Bob Jones, Derm Kelleher, Bob Steele and Lyn Jope.

Before we knew it our Senior Year was before us. Reaching our last year, we now became the leaders of the Palace. We immediately held our annual election of delegates to the Grand Council who in turn chose Smokey to conduct all the council meetings, Ginny as secretary and Marcia as treasurer. Our next duty was to select our Squires. Malvin Goldberg was elected King of the class, Derm Kelleher as second in command, Pat Carone as scroll-keeper, and Ellen Mislick in charge of our resources.

Ginny Ambrose, Jay Beal, Carol Chidsey, George Fay, Mal Goldberg, Marilyn Gometz, Ed Greene, Bob Grabner, Maryann Hayes, Derm Kelleher, George LaCava, Ellen Mislick, Bonnie Prentice, Bob Smolenski, Bob Steele, Koby Taylor, Betsy Truex and Dick Wamester as the palace guards kept corridor traffic moving, while Carol Chidsey, Ellen Mislick, Bonnie Prentice, Nancy Detweiler and Maxine Brizes stood behind the cash registers during the rush hours in the palace dining room.

This year we cheered our soccer-men to a co-victory in our new outdoor arena. The heroes were Captain Winalski, Rushforth, St. Amand, Greene, Hock, Grabner, Schroll, Ruch, Bradley, and DiBattista.

Ginny Ambrose was elected Editor-in-Chief of The Elm; Bonnie Prentice, Assistant Editor; Ellen Mislick, Business Manager. Placed in charge of Photography was Larry Carter; Literary, Betsy Truex; Personals, Carol Chidsey and Marilyn Gometz; Typing, Sandy Merithew; Art, Malvin Goldberg; Advertising, Judy Watson; Clubs, Pat Carone; Boys' Sports, Jack Donaghue; and Girls' Sports, Pat Rose.

For the first time the ten best scholars competed in the Merit Scholarship Contest; they were Jean Ford, Marilyn Gometz, Sheila Toubman, Koby Taylor, Larry Carter, Dave Messer, Bob Steele, Bob Kerber, John Pratt, and Derm Kelleher.

Our palace was well represented at the All-State Concert when our musical artists, Grover, Gometz, Lane and Fippinger were enrolled in the Grand Chorus.

The annual presentation of the Senior Plays was performed before the lower ranks and townsfolk on a wintry night. It was well worth trudging through the heavy snow and ice to see the three terrific plays. Laughter echoed throughout the palace theatre as Dick Fippinger, Jack Donaghue, Marilyn Shorupski, Sheila Toubman, Marcia Peterson, and Judy Goodell displayed their talents in "The Kid Makes Up His Mind."

The audience was held in a spell by the outstanding performance of Elvia aided by the cast made up of Pat Carone, Bernie Coughlin, Dick Mann, Mo Oliver, Connie Wolcott, John Pratt, Marilyn Hayes, Marilyn Gometz, Bobbie Randall, Bill Dougherty, Jane Morell, Jane Quintilliano, and Barb Kessler in "Sorry, Wrong Number."

"With laughter holding both its sides," the audience roared enthusiastically to the last play, "The Widow's Plight." Hamming it up were Carol Chidsey, Jean Ford, Porky Ruglio, Dick Skelly, Jan LaMarre, Bob Smolenski, Koby Taylor, Don Wilson, and Joslin Deeks.

The prompters respectively of each play were Pat Rust, Maxine Brizes, and Sandy Merithew. After due honors and the final curtain call, we joyously shouted for the Class of '56 and all headed to Pat's and her tremendous open house.

New dramatic ability was recognized when more Thespians were inducted into our chapter. The additions were Jean Ford, Elvia Magnuson, Sheila Toubman, Don Wilson, Carol Chidsey, Marilyn Skorupski, Marcia Peterson, Connie Wolcott, Koby Taylor, Larry Carter, Bob Kerber, Dave Messer, and Bob Jones.

Among the many honors placed upon our class, Ginny received the DAR good citizenship award as the outstanding Senior girl.

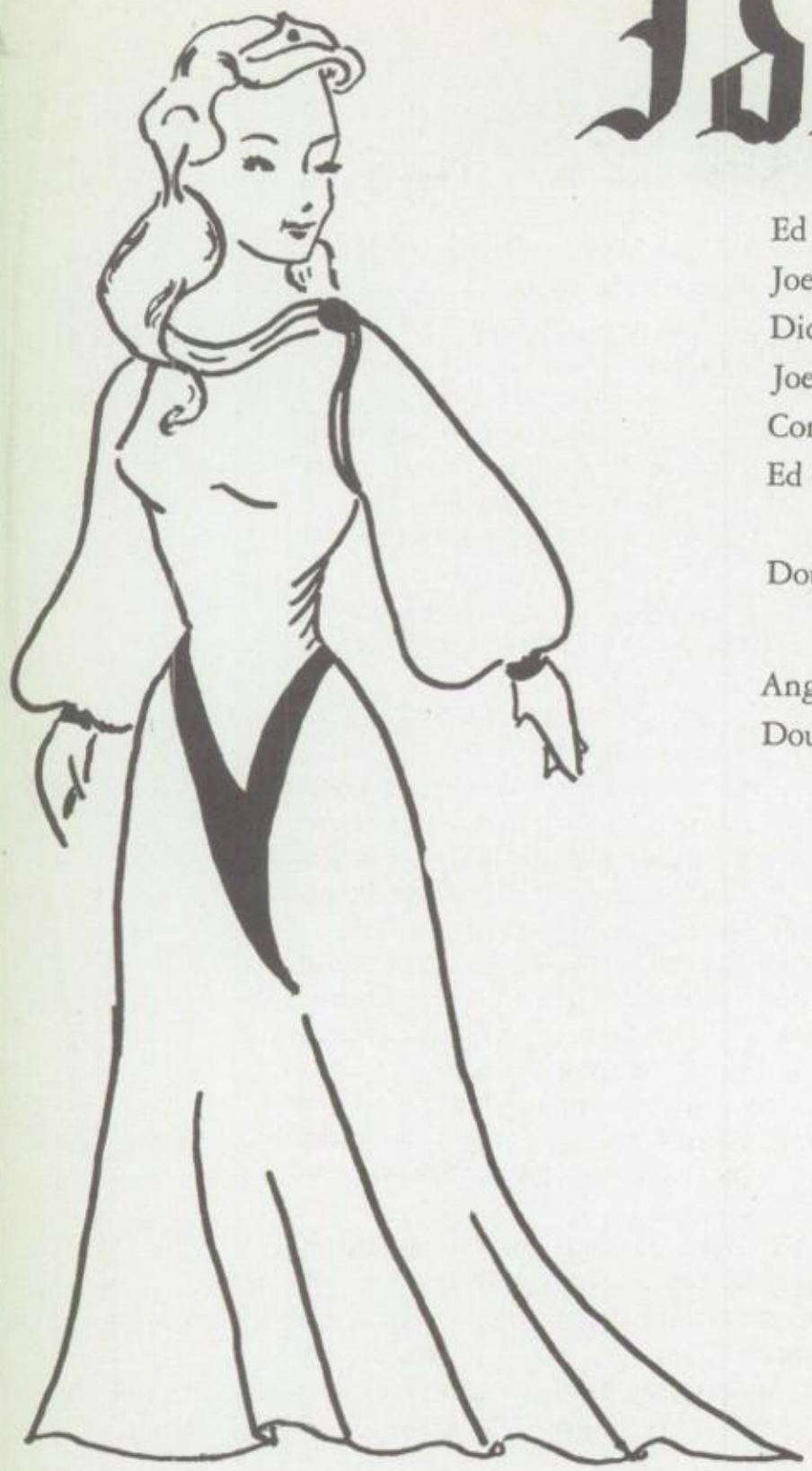
Sportswise, we point with pride to Jay Beal, who has given our palace much recognition on the basketball court. We also commend the team work of St. Amand and Winalski who played on this year's varsity.

For our final Senior activities, long to be remembered, we chose Ed Greene and Marilyn Hayes co-chairmen of Class Night; Marcia Peterson and Buck Griswold, Baccalaureate; Carol Chidsey and Bob Grabner, Graduation; Celeste Pellettieri, Picnic. Bobbie Yocum headed Cap and Gown and Bernie Coughlin, Class Gift.

The biggest and best dance of our entire palace life, our Senior Ball, was entrusted to Maryann Hayes and Mike Low. Heading the committees are: Sue Moore, decorations; Sandy Merithew, restoration; Joslin Deeks, orchestra; Judy Goodell, publicity; Mike Murphy, refreshments; Judy Watson, tickets; and Mo Oliver, invitations.

Thus, being privileged as the first class to have completed three years in our new palace, we pass hopefully through the gates to a future equaling the many experiences we have already had.

Ideals



Ed Stanton	HAIR	Bobbie Randall
Joel Kelly	EYES	Denise Eisenhauer
Dick Calitro	EYELASHES	Denise Eisenhauer
Joel Kelly	EYEBROWS	Denise Eisenhauer
Connie Winalski	NOSE	Marilyn Hayes
Ed Greene	MOUTH	Carol Chidsey and Judy Goodell
Doug Muller	DIMPLES	Sandy Merithew and Judy Watson
Angie DiBattista and Doug Muller	COMPLEXION	Mary Jane Howarth

Toby Rushforth and Bob Smolenski	SMILE	Ellen Mislick
John Olander	HANDS	Barbara Kessler
Derm Kelleher	TEETH	Jean Ford and Bobbie Yocum
Bill Dougherty	SHOULDERS	Jane Morell and Jane Quintiliano
Connie Winalski	BODY	Mary Jane Howarth
Connie Winalski	LEGS	Ginny Ambrose and Celeste Pellettieri
Mike Low	FEET	Mary Carr
Bob Jones	VOICE	Jane Morell
Malvin Goldberg	LAUGH	Marcia Peterson
Jay Beal and George Fay	POSTURE	Jane Morell

Court Will

We, the Class of 1956, being of reasonably sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath our worldly possessions as follows:

Marcia Albert leaves her bop shoes to Jane Emerson.
Donna Albrecht leaves waiting for a certain soldier at Fort Knox.
Arlyne Almandinger leaves her name to anyone who can spell it.
Ginny Ambrose leaves the underclassmen at games holding her glasses.
Mary Balfore leaves her morning strolls to Amelia Dicioccio.
Marion Balfour leaves by the nearest ski trail.
Eddie Barbrick leaves his crew cut to Bob Daley.
Pete Barker leaves trying to find room for his legs.
Bev Bartenstein leaves a chair to Mr. DeJohn.
Jay Beal leaves his precision timing to a Swiss Watch.
Al Boyer leaves his ping pong paddle for next year's tournament.
Bob Bradley leaves the library with a pass in his hand.
Maxine Brizes leaves the cafeteria and Mr. Babel still counting their millions.
Dotty Caldwell leaves us glad she came to W.H.S.
Dick Calitro leaves his drums to the Salvation Army.
Judy Carlin leaves our ears ringing.
Pat Carone leaves for the shore.
Mary Carr leaves Tex Pavel minus his favorite Rangerette.
Larry Carter leaves his flash bulbs to some "bright" kid.
Nickie Champ leaves without a worry.
Sandy Charter leaves her crowded locker to Fibber Magee.
Carol Chidsey leaves her 20-20 vision.
Adeline Costa leaves with a one-way ticket to New Haven.
Dick Cote leaves Bob Kelleher one slightly used church key.
Bernie Coughlin leaves his petiteness to George Metcalfe.
Walter Coughlin leaves nothing—he's taking it all with him.
Carol Cugno leaves her laugh echoing in the classrooms.
Mickie Cutler leaves still baffled by Chemistry.
George Czarnecki leaves for Bunce Road.
Pat Dawidowicz leaves us all tonguetied.
Angela DeBonee leaves her loquacity to Gabby Hayes.
Joslin Deeks leaves his "Deek-tionary" to Mrs. Windsor.
Marilyn DellaRocco leaves her shorthand notebook to some ambitious Junior.
Loretta DeMauro leaves her long hair to Judy DiBerardino.
Danny D'Esopo leaves playing real saxy music.
Nancy Detweiler leaves her cheerful disposition to any discouraged Good Humor man.
Ang DiBattista leaves without looking back.
Jack Donaghue leaves his infectious laugh.
Bill Dougherty leaves "Pierre le Cochon" to Mlle. Bolduc.
Al Drieu leaves his natty clothes to the "Dungaree Dudes."
Denise Eisenhauer leaves the boys in a trance.
Beverly Ekman leaves locker #78 with only two occupants.
Barbara Elder leaves no younger.
Pat Fagan leaves Tammie Holbrook going to History with her chem lab apron still on.
George Fay leaves his heart to Bulkeley High.
Joe Fernandez leaves his tired track shoes to Bill Abbate.
Dick Fippinger leaves his quiet dignity.
Frank Fontana leaves his dark, wavy hair to Pete Pellettieri.
Jean Ford leaves the telephone wires still tied up.
Bob Gibb leaves his ice skates to Bill Holden.
Dave Gilbert leaves, to Mrs. Casa's relief.
Sal Gionfriddo leaves just as quietly as he came in.
Mal Goldberg leaves his razor blades to Mr. Shanahan.
Marilyn Gometz leaves her marks to Groucho.
Judy Goodell leaves without her shoes.
Bob Grabner leaves if he can get his car up the hill.
Ed Greene leaves his skeleton to the Biology room.
John Grenier leaves the writers of the class will wondering where to find him.
Lucy Griggs leaves the Nutrition Class to goof by itself.
Bulkeley Griswold leaves his crutches to any Junior who skis.
Joyce Grob leaves the phone booth empty at Cafe.
Gordon Grover leaves his musical ability to Brian Burpee.
David Hawkins leaves his mechanical prowess to Leslie Clark.
Marilyn Hayes leaves as the best saleslady Frigidaire ever had.
Maryann Hayes leaves a pair of scissors to Delta for the shore.
Dickie Hock leaves for the pawnshop.
Bob Hope leaves looking for Bing.
Mary-Jane Howarth leaves singing "Bell Bottom Trousers."
Garry Hughes leaves the town hook and ladder to the fire squad.
Judy Hutchins leaves her temper to an Irishman.
Gloria Jajliado leaves her attendance record to Ann Messenger.
Barbara Janak leaves her excessive height to be distributed throughout the Junior class.
Jim Jennings leaves round shouldered from toting home all those books.
Bob Jones leaves his fire extinguisher to Miss Kelley to cool off Mr. Wilson.
Lyn Jope leaves a baseball to his brother Bruce.
Dick Joyce leaves his studious ways to Walter Murphy.
Derm Kelleher leaves the unsuspecting Sophomore girls.
Joel Kelly leaves his sound effects to Mel Blanc.
Bob Kerber leaves his mathematical genius to an adding machine.
Bobbie Kessler leaves Bob Plaza as President of the B.W.A.
Colleen King leaves looking for an argument.
Nancy Kudla leaves wondering what to do with her hair.
Barb Kutsavage and Rosemarie Pacholski leave their varied gym excuses to Mary Kaye Corcoran and Pat Shampang.
George LaCava leaves a pizza pie to Angela Sipala.
John LaDucer leaves his pink shirt to Clyde Jasmin.
Janice LaMarre leaves her arguments to haunt Miss Pinkham.
Nancy Lane leaves the piano in the auditorium to be tuned.
Patty Larson leaves Mr. Smith wishing she had never dropped Chemistry.
Jim LeGeyt leaves Mr. Clark to Dave Lawrence.
Nona Leturmy leaves hoping that Al Drieu has learned to take notes.
Mike Low leaves his size 14½ shoes to Alan Wamester.

Marie Mabey leaves still undecided.
Jim MacNeil leaves with his hair falling in front of his eyes.
Robbie Ouellette leaves his seat in the library to some Junior who likes to read magazines.
Ernie Pandolfi leaves us wondering what to have him leave.
Kenny Parkes leaves walking.
Dainis Pavasars leaves to be a diplomat.
Danny Payne leaves acking.
Celeste Pellettieri leaves her penny collection to Artie Couch.
Marcia Peterson leaves her laugh to a hyena.
Debbie Pickup leaves doing the mambo.
Sara Piper leaves her gum, coughdrops, and candy to some hungry Junior.
Roger Poynton leaves without a word.
John Pratt leaves his seat on the radiator in 212 to Dave Gigliotti.
Bonnie Prentice leaves her middle name to anyone who wants it.
Shirley Provencher leaves her inability to return library books to Janice Pellettieri.
Jane Quintiliano leaves running to look for a pair of gym pants.
Bobbie Randall leaves her hair to any peroxide company that can match the color.
Ronnie Ringenback leaves his little black book.
Betty Riccardo leaves Mr. Latina her flaming red hair.
Pat Rose leaves her excess lipstick to Gail Pomeroy.
Erwin Ruch leaves his nickname "Angel" in the varsity locker room.
Jo-Anne Ruglio leaves still hating her nickname.
Toby Rushforth leaves rushing forth.
Patti Rust leaves to finish cleaning up after Senior Play open house.
Janet Scheller leaves for the altar.
Barb Schroll leaves Carol Landeen second in the dessert line.
Ted Schroll leaves his freckles to Howdy Doody.
Tony Serksnas leaves his slide rule to Mr. Fullerton.
Eleanor Sharpe leaves her quietness to Sue Harris.
Dick Skelly leaves Charlie back of the house.
Marilyn Skorupski leaves her gift of gab to Mary Martyn.
Don Smith leaves his car to anyone who wants to finish customizing it.
Bob Smolenski leaves the time-honored string of kielbasa to Bobby O'Brien.
Dick St. Amand leaves trying to live up to his nickname.
Ed Stanton leaves his brass knuckles to Fred Ives.
Janice Steege leaves the teachers still mispronouncing her name.
Bob Steele leaves "Plumbum" to brother Paul.
Nancy Stefano leaves knowing the lyrics to every song ever written.
Roland Steiner leaves his motorcycle jacket to John Struthers.
Ed Sterling leaves his Hollywood muffler to Tom DePasquale.
Phil Stevens leaves his cold hands to Joan Valentine.
Ray Stevens leaves his tumbling to Richard Carlberg.
Bob Struthers leaves his accumulation of ecclesiastical lock-unlockers to Don Battalino.
Pat Sullivan leaves sneezing.
Carolyn Sylvester leaves her chewing gum in the art room.
Dave Tasko leaves his paper gliders to the sixth period English class.
Koby Taylor leaves on time — for once.
Janice Toce leaves Denny Caulfield walking in the halls alone.
Sheila Toubman leaves her shoe in the library door.
Elvia Magnuson leaves her swing to a gate.
Dick Mann leaves Solid Geometry to the underclassmen who are silly enough to take it.
Al Martyn leaves his aunt's Cadillac to Peter Crapulli.
Jerry Mason leaves his chem lab technique to Kay Hummel.
John Matusevich leaves studying.
Tony Maulucci leaves with a chuckle.
Mike McCue leaves his long arms and legs to Dick Harvourd.
Margo McKeon leaves Miss Curtis without any reading material.
Sandy Merithew leaves "Wading" to East Hampton.
Dave Messer leaves the lighting panel to Scott Whinnem.
Ellen Mislick leaves a lot of friends.
Sue Moore leaves the Juniors in Sigma wondering what to wear.
Jane Morell leaves her chignon to Sue Trombley.
Doug Muller leaves his dimples to Mr. Mullen's collection.
Danny Murphy leaves as fast as possible.
Mike Murphy leaves his nickname "Dingleberry" to some poor Junior.
Pam Murphy leaves the teachers to cope with the rest of the Murphy clan until 1970.
Sam Nazzaro leaves his curly hair to a French poodle.
Bill Neckerman leaves his heartfelt sincerity.
John Olander leaves his black pants with the pinto pony stripes to Mr. Backman.
Mo Oliver leaves her Kleenex to Little Lulu.
Joyce Ostrowski leaves her negative attitude to anyone who doesn't like to work.
Barbara Tracy leaves her fingernails to Laurie Sunderland.
Mike Tretola leaves his winning smile to Ed Sullivan.
Betsy Truex leaves her appetite to Marcia Neville.
Mary Tryaskus leaves her zip to a turtle.
Jimmy Vandergrift leaves his pleasing personality to Gil Spencer.
Tony Vignone leaves carrying his paint brush.
Craig Wallace leaves by the nearest exit.
Dotty Wallace leaves her telephone number — JA 9-5774.
Dick Wamester leaves Norm Zauchin sitting in the Red Sox dugout.
Judy Watson leaves the nickname "Queenie" to Kay Wilson.
Dave Webster leaves his clear, soprano voice to Linda Bauer.
Joan Webster leaves for the "West."
Bruce Whitcomb leaves us convinced that all Rocky Hill kids are swell.
Penny Wilder leaves her incessant diets to Pauline Lenard.
Jenny Wilkos leaves her spit curls to Jane Carr.
Don Wilson leaves his feet to a yardstick.
Connie Winalski leaves his nose to any new skier.
Connie Wolcott leaves her long walk to school to Dawn Stuart.
John Wood leaves his used bottle caps to "Little Nip."
Leroy Wood leaves wondering how he ever made it.
Bob Wright leaves his height to Jim Roberts.
Bud Yedziniak leaves the gas jets open in Physics lab.
Bobbie Yocum leaves the Wednesday night meetings quiet.

Prophecy

Time: 1966

Place: New Conrad Hilton Hotel in Hartford

Occasion: 10th Year Reunion of the Class of 1956

Characters: Faculty Advisers of Class of 1956

He: This should be quite an enjoyable reunion this year with the festivities being provided by the members of the Class of '56 who have made a name for themselves in the entertainment world.

She: Oh yes, very enjoyable with the singing of "Met" stars Bob Jones and David Webster, the selections of Carnegie Hall pianists Marilyn Skorupski and Nancy Lane, and the dancing of prima ballerinas Marion Oliver and Maxine Brizes. Everything will be topped off with the comments of M.C. Bob Steele, the famous radio announcer.

He: Let's stand here in the lobby and survey the prosperous looking Alumni.

She: Look, here come the members of the armed forces with all the medals they have won in action — Tony Maulucci and Erwin Ruch in the Air Force; Dan Murphy, Al Martyn, Joel Kelly, and Gary Hughes in the Navy; Ang DiBattista, George Czarnecki, Frank Fontana, and Bob Bradley in the Army, accompanied by General Al Boyer.

He: I was talking to the manager, Mr. Charles Rushforth, and he told me that this building was made possible through the combined efforts of architect Phil Stevens, designer Jim MacNeil, artists Celeste Pellettieri and Arlyne Almandinger, Photographer Joyce Grob, and the George LaCava Construction Company.

She: It's no wonder it's such a lovely building with such talented engineers as Derm Kelleher, Tony Serksnas, Richard Mann, David Messer, Bob Kerber, and Walt Coughlin working on it. Ed Greene, head of the local labor union, was in charge of them.

He: Here come some other notables; there's the celebrated poet laureate, Bill Dougherty, who recently found a man named Caleb. Here comes the Powers model, Jane Morell, and the well-known portrait painter, Tony Vignone.

She: This class certainly has succeeded in the sports world. Isn't that the pro basketball player, Jay Beal, with college coach Dick St. Amand and tournament golfer Jack Donaghue? Wethersfield was represented well in the Olympics this year, too; there are the Olympic star skiers Dick Fippinger and Pete Barker, track man Joe Fernandez, and women athletes Pat Rose and Eleanor Sharpe.

He: I was talking to Betsy Truex, Dean of Women at the local college, and she told me that Sandy Charter, Elvia Magnuson, Mary Carr, Marcia Peterson, Nona Leturmy and Bonnie Prentice are all very successful teachers now.

She: I also heard that teachers Barbara Kessler and Roberta Randall are conversing in French, gym teachers Colleen King and Judy Watson are patiently listening to the girls' well thought out excuses, and Carol Chidsey is teaching that "all Gaul has three parts."

He: While strolling through the hotel, I saw the well-known journalist, Larry Carter, talking to electricians Ed Barbrick and Dick Calitro, telephone operator Mary Balfore, hair stylist Gordon Grover, pharmacist Dick Wamester, and beauty culturist Pat Larson. Bartender Bill Neckermann told me that he has just hired Joslin Deeks as his piano player.

She: Oh, look out there in front! Danny D'Esopo's hearse broke down. He'll prob-

ably have to take it to the garage owned by Jimmy Vandergrift and Craig Wallace. They have a great staff of mechanics in Dave Hawkins, Dave Tasko, Jim LeGeyt, Ron Ringenback, and Bob Hope.

He: On my way into the hotel I noticed in the show case the exhibitions of coin collector Danny Payne and stamp collector Lyn Jope. Pat Rust's enamel ash trays are on all the tables.

She: When I was in George Fay's dental office the other day, George and his dental hygienist Sheila Toubman were telling me what competent nurses Roberta Yocum, Judy Hutchins, Adeline Costa, and Jane Quintiliano made. He also mentioned the efficient work of medical secretaries Sandy Merithew and Barbara Elder.

He: I encountered Bob Ouellette, the insurance agent, yesterday. He's representing the Robert O. Grabner Insurance Company. He told me that Dick Joyce, Bib Gibb, Sal Gionfriddo, and Jerry Mason are a few of the company's representatives throughout the country. Personnel manager, Sue Moore, has a competent secretarial staff, consisting of Carolyn Sylvester, Angela DeBonee, Nancy Stefano, JoAnne Ruglio, Barbara Schroll, Beverly Ekman, Joan Webster, Sara Piper, and Marie Mabey.

She: Look! Isn't that the renowned tree surgeon, John LaDucer, who recently restored the Great Elm in Wethersfield? There was an impressive dedication ceremony, at which the Reverend John Pratt presided.

He: Yes, I read that the elementary school children also took part in the program. They were accompanied by their patient and successful teachers Jean Ford, Koby Taylor, Judy Carlin, Pat Carone, and Nancy Detweiler.

She: There's the prominent bank president, E. "Buck" Griswold, with his trustworthy accountants Bob Smolenski and Mike Murphy. The Griswold Bank and Trust Company has quite an able staff of secretaries, including Ginny Ambrose, Maryann Hayes, Shirley Provencher, Mary Tryaskus, Dorothy Caldwell, Judy Goodell, Ellen Mislick, Barbara Tracy, Jenny Wilkos, and Joyce Ostrowski.

He: Look! Here comes the famous woman flyer, Denise Eisenhauer, who was recently headlined for breaking the sound barrier in her piper cub.

She: There's a familiar person — Dick Cote, who still drives a milk truck from the local dairy bar, where Marilyn Hayes is a waitress.

He: I was eating lunch in Nick Champ's restaurant last week. While I was waiting for Ernie Pandolfe, head waiter, to bring my order, I noticed the paper advertisements for the Kippy Parkes Plumbing Company and the Matusevich-Nazzaro Carpentry Corporation.

She: Speaking of the newspaper, did you read about "flatfoot" Mike Low arresting notorious firebug Dick Skelly for burning the poor widow's home? Things really got hot, but Fire Chief Mike McCue came to the rescue! F.B.I. man Don Wilson was called in for the trial, at which most honorable Judge Bob Wright presided. The brilliant lawyer, Bernie Coughlin, defended the case most effectively. Now Pat Fagan, social worker, is helping the poor widow and her family.

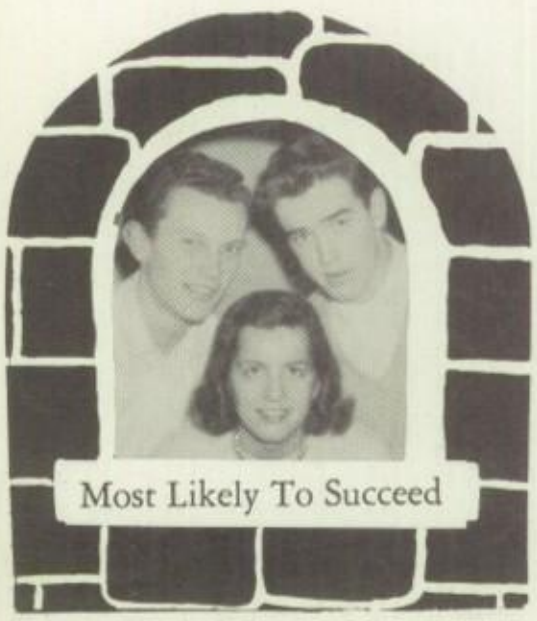
He: I hear that the Goldberg-Gometz Psychology Clinic is gaining world wide reputation. Here come Malvin and Marilyn now with their private secretaries, Connie Wolcott and Penny Wilder.

She: Almost everyone must be here now. Oh, there's Debby Pickup. She's pretty busy on her farm breeding and training horses for the Kentucky Derby.

He: Well, the Class of 1956 seems to have made out pretty well for themselves, in spite of the headaches back in high school.

She: You said it! The fabulous Class of '56 still reigns!

Who's



Most Likely To Succeed

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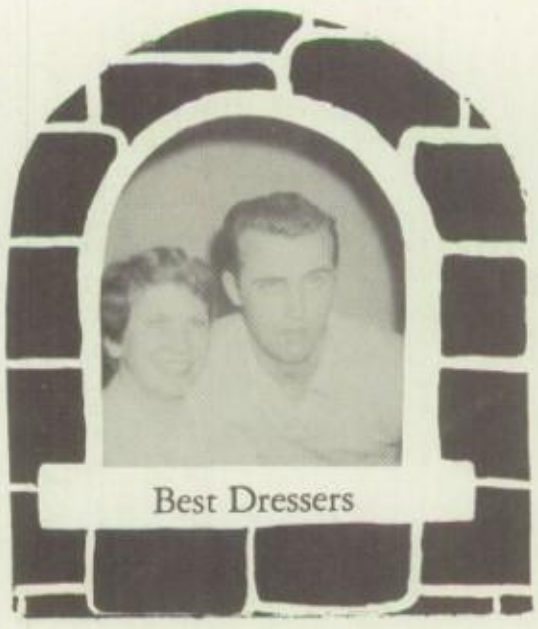

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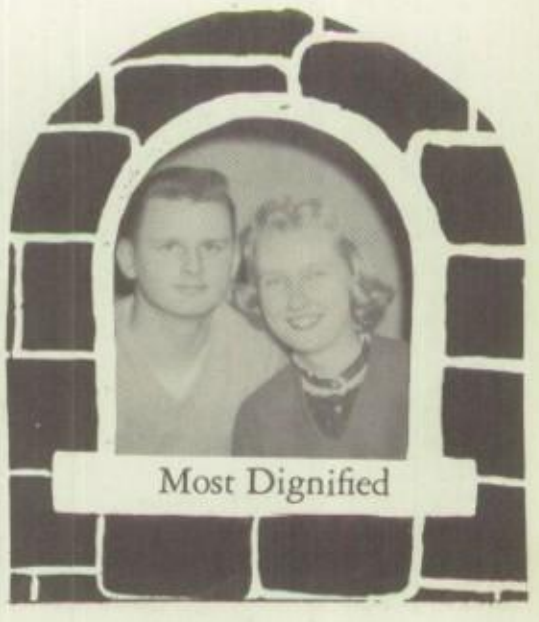

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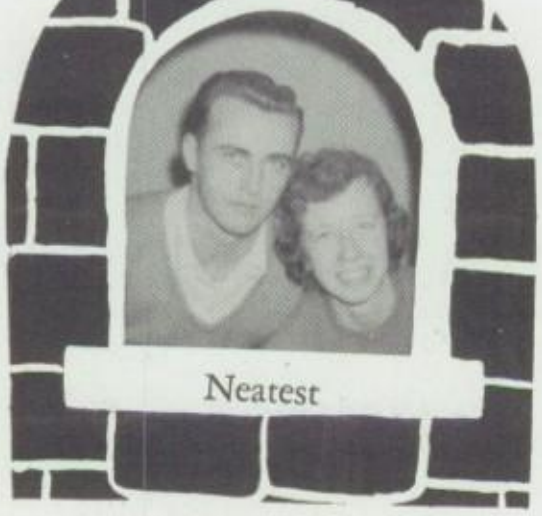

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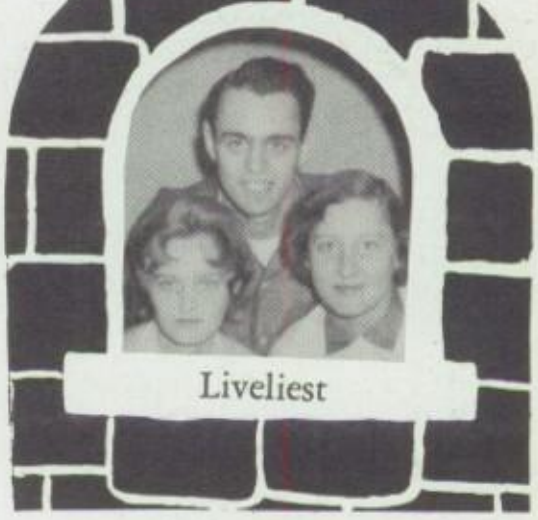


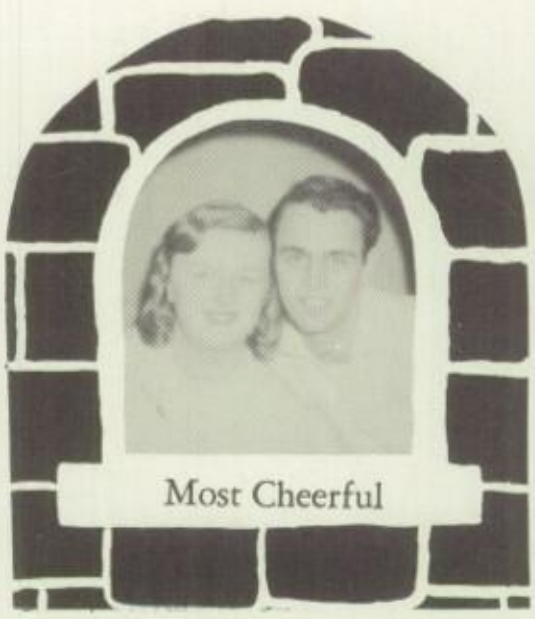
Liveliest

Most Natural

Most Natural

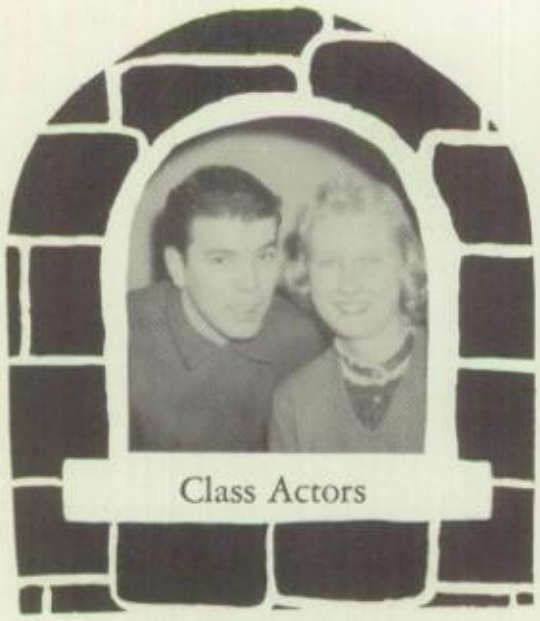
Most Popular

Best All Round



Most Cheerful

Best Looking



Class Actors

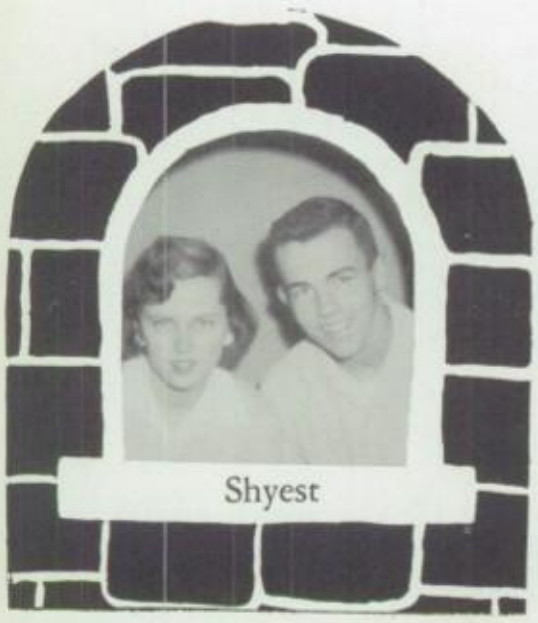
Biggest Flirts

Most Argumentative

Most Mischievous

Best Athletes

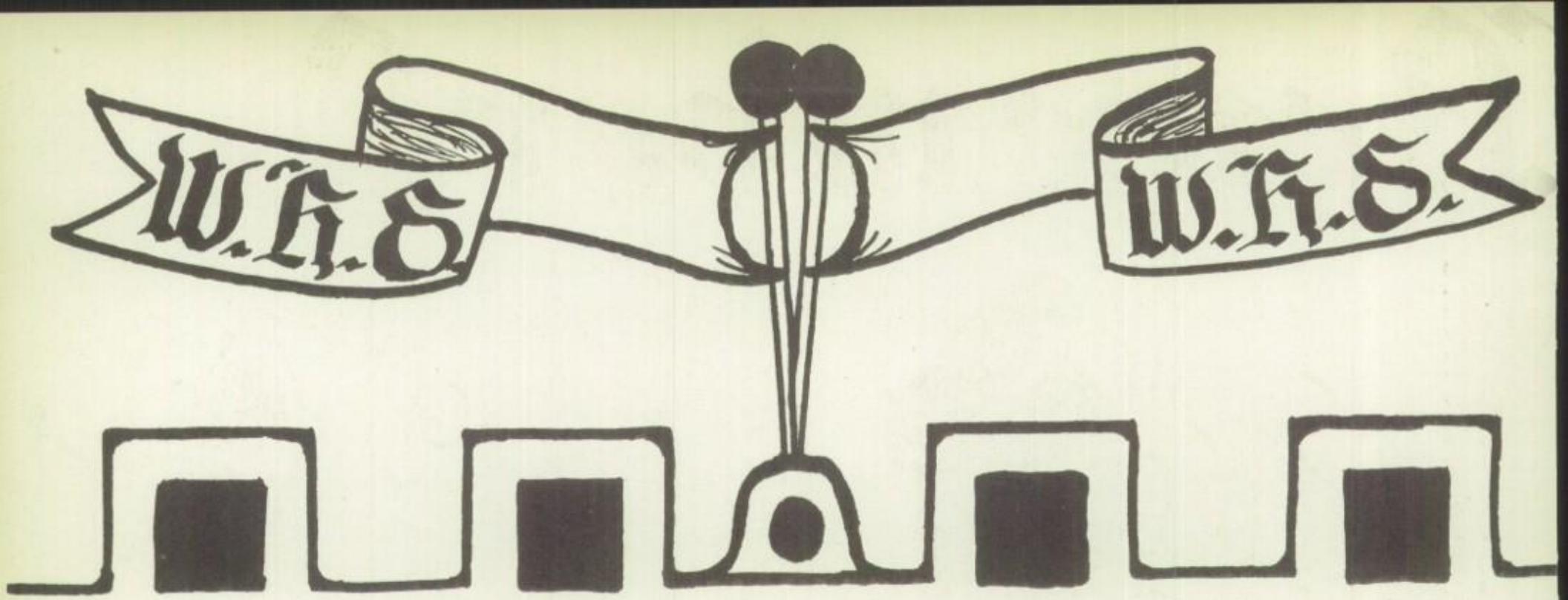
Most Pleasing Personality



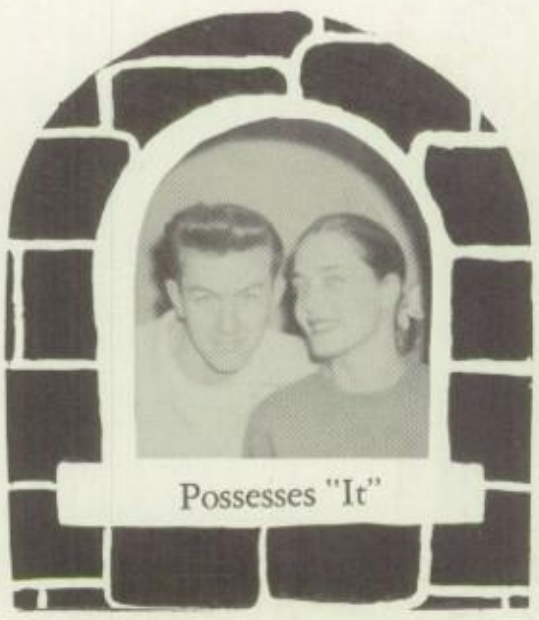
Shyest

Heartbreakers

Most Respected



Best Dancers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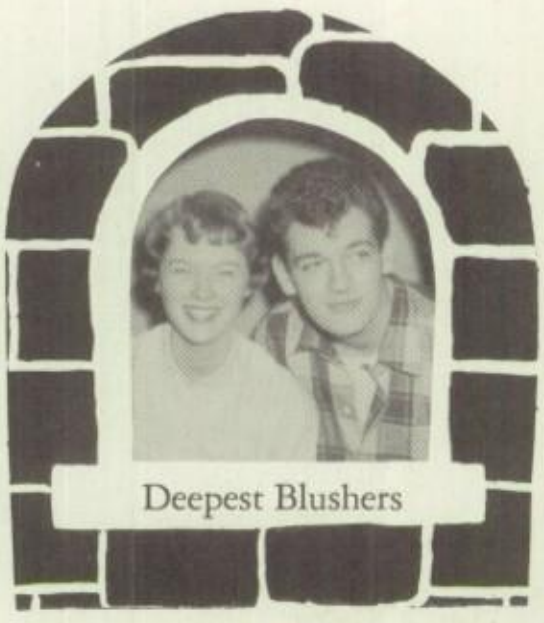

Deepest Blushers

Class Musicians

Best Artists

Most Popular Undergrads

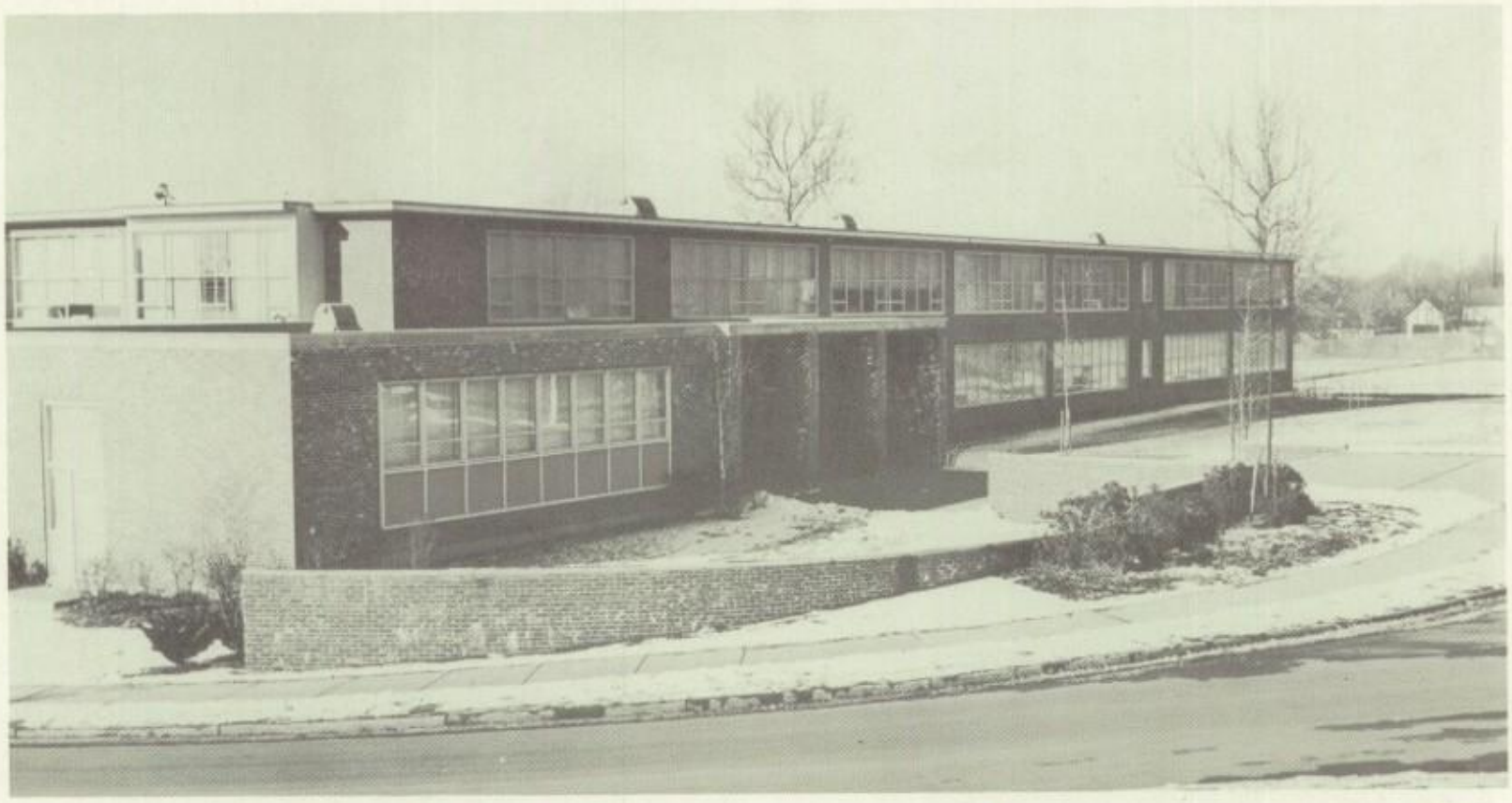
Remember?

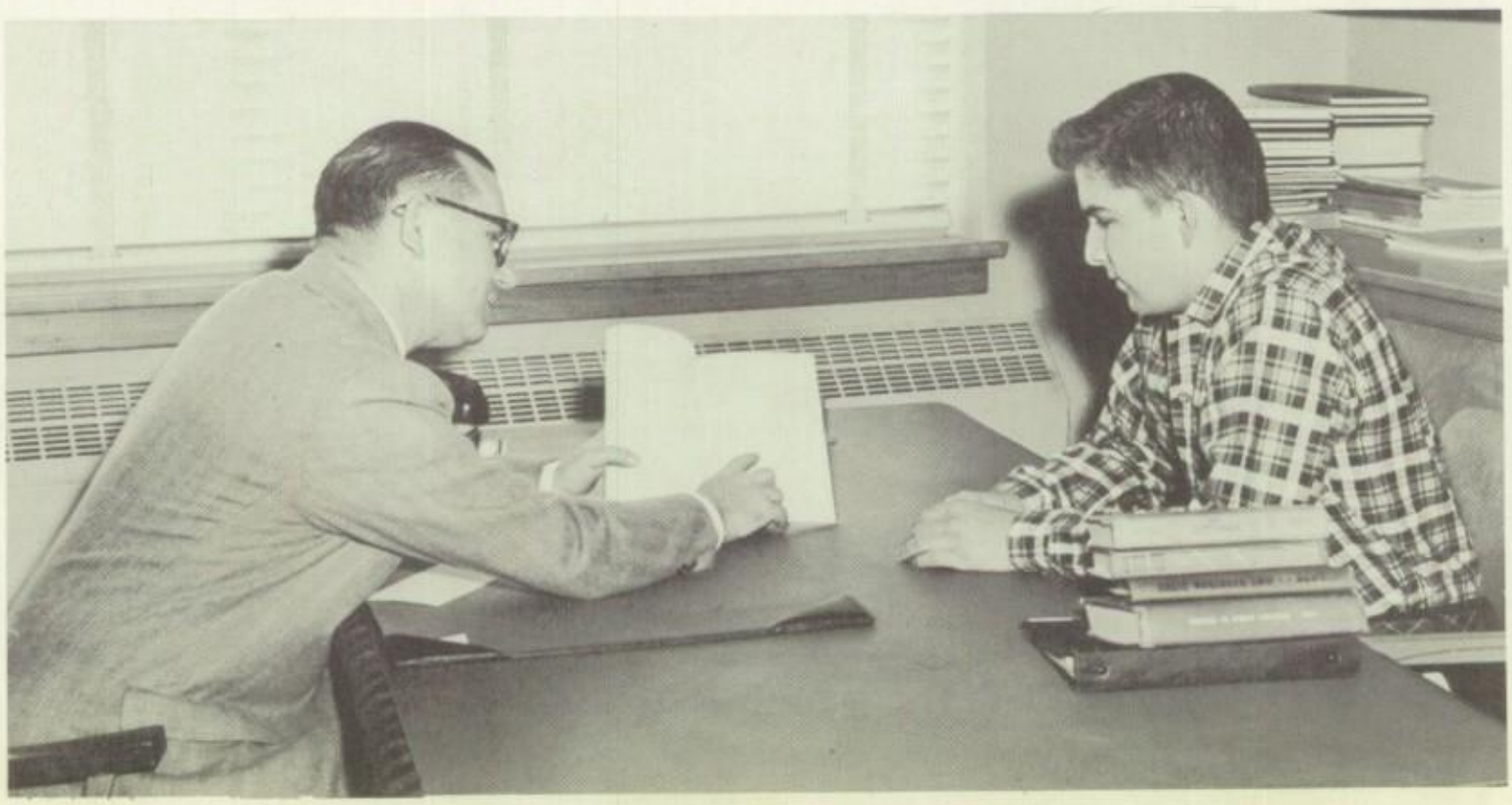
"TRAFFIC SQUAD?"

"TIGHTEN THE CHAIN!"

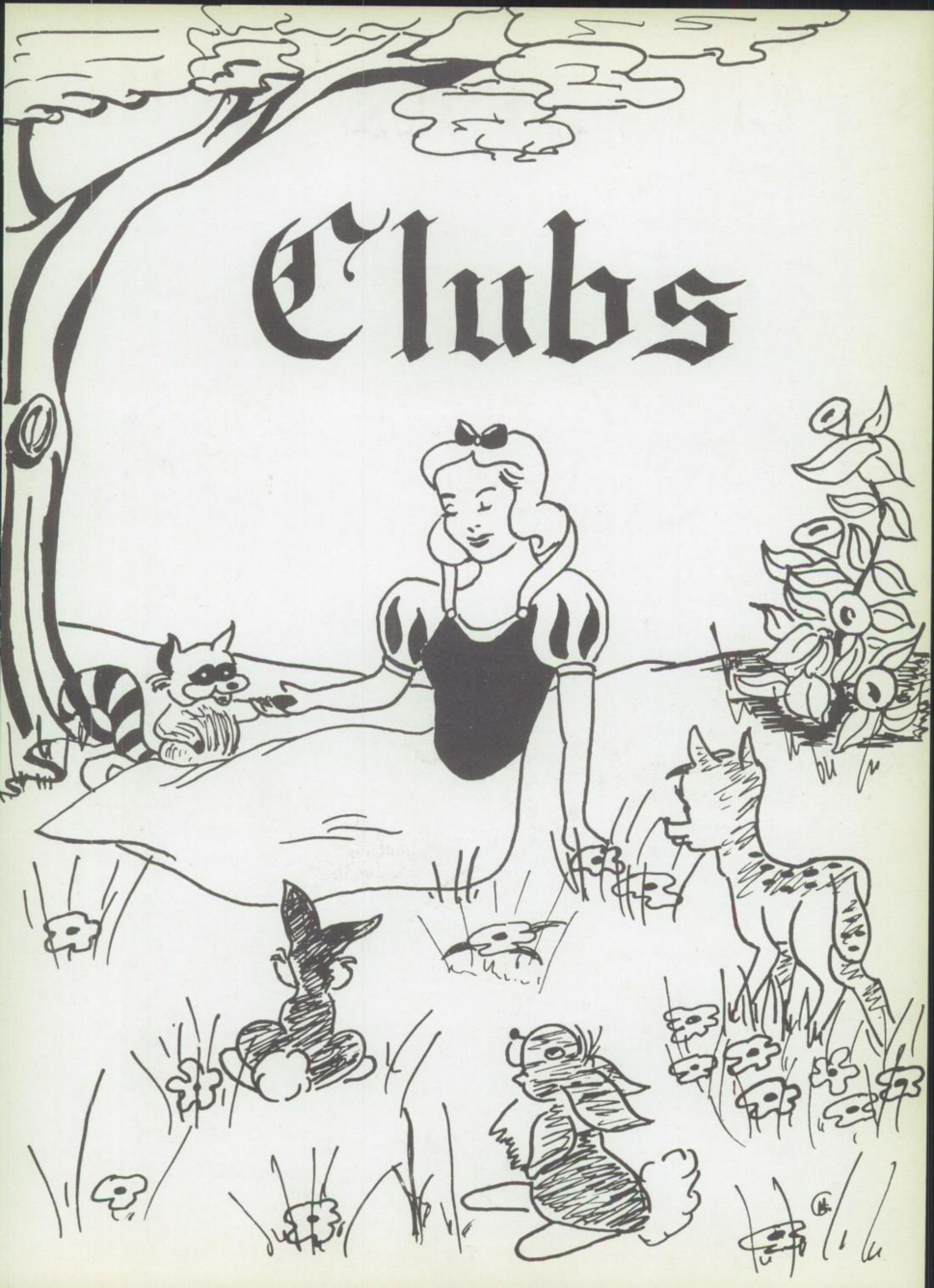
"THUMPER" ??!!

Through the Castle





Clubs



First Row: D. Rushforth, C. Watras, R. Webb, M. Peterson, Mr. Skirm, V. Ambrose, R. Smolenski, J. Rugar, J. Mulvihill. Second Row: R. Drennan, R. Allen, W. Grant, R. Fippinger, R. Grabner, R. Wamester, E. Ruch, P. Ford, W. Abbate, P. Dexter, L. Leslie. Third Row: T. Strong, C. DiFazio, G. Goff, G. Spenser, M. Neville, S. Budlong, M. Goldberg, E. Truex, R. Steele, M. Hayes, L. Libby. Fourth Row: M. Murphy, J. LaCava, J. Zimmerman, M. Zima, J. Mosher, D. Stuart, L. Fullerton, J. Conlin, S. Charter. Fifth Row: R. O'Brien, A. Boyer, J. Deeks, S. Cornwell, C. Gray, N. Leturmy, M. Oliver, E. Harris, K. Keeney.

Senior High Student Council

The Student Council is an organization consisting of one representative and one alternate from each homeroom. The Class Presidents are also allowed to sit in at Council meetings but do not hold voting power.

The purpose of the Council is to provide a means by which the students may express their desires and opinions pertaining to school affairs.

This year the Council was divided into 12 committees: Handbook, Constitution, Election, Display Cases and Bulletin Boards, Building and Grounds, Cafeteria, National Correspondence, State Correspondence, Assembly, Hospitality, and School Song and Flag. These committees functioned separately and reported on their results at the monthly Council meetings.

A precedent was established as the Council began the year with an impressive Induction program at which the new officers were given the pledge and awarded small pins symbolizing the office which they held. This year the officers were: Robert Smolenski, President; Robert Webb, Vice-President; Virginia Ambrose, Secretary; and Marcia Peterson, Treasurer.

For the second successive year the Student Council sponsored a Fall dance, this year called the "Fiesta." It was a great success and the Council plans to do this annually.

The Council has been very successful this year due to the able guidance of its advisers Mr. Thomas H. Skirm, Principal; and Mr. Felix A. Babel, Assistant Principal.

First Row: Mr. Mellen, J. Winslow, C. Pellettieri, E. Truex, C. Chidsey, R. Fippinger, J. Taylor, P. Rust, S. Toubman, G. Enquist, J. Whaples, Miss Kelley. Second Row: P. Burke, M. Balfore, D. Perry, L. Sunderland, G. Wilcox, A. Costa, B. Elder, L. Griggs, A. Murphy, I. Donovan, G. Davis, G. Guilmartin, M. Hayes. Third Row: B. Tillinghast, P. Hart, M. Clark, P. Carone, S. Moore, M. Carr, B. Tracy, J. Watson, M. Hayes, R. Cote, P. Moos, E. Harrington, P. Misorski. Fourth Row: C. Gianetti, R. Ouellette, B. Griswold, M. Murphy, R. Skelly, B. Coughlin, M. Pellettieri, J. Yedziniak, R. Phillips, R. Wilder, P. Murphy. Fifth Row: J. Conlin, D. Kelleher, E. Mislick, J. La Ducer, J. Zimmerman, M. Neville, J. Francoline, K. Kenney.

Recreation Council

The Recreation Council is an organization made up of approximately 40 members from grades ten, eleven, and twelve. The "Rec" Council was first organized in 1950, and is sponsored by the YMCA and YWCA.

At the end of each school year, students are elected to fill the offices of co-chairmen, secretary, and treasurer. This year the officers elected were: Carol Chidsey and Richard Fippinger, Co-Chairmen; Jacoba Taylor, Secretary; and Betsy Truex, Treasurer. The Faculty Advisers for the organization this year were Miss Constance Kelley and Mr. Oliver Mellen.

The purpose of the Recreation Council is to promote wholesome entertainment for the high school students during the school year. Some of the functions which it sponsors are splash parties, informal and semi-formal dances, week-end trips, ski-trips, and other various parties.

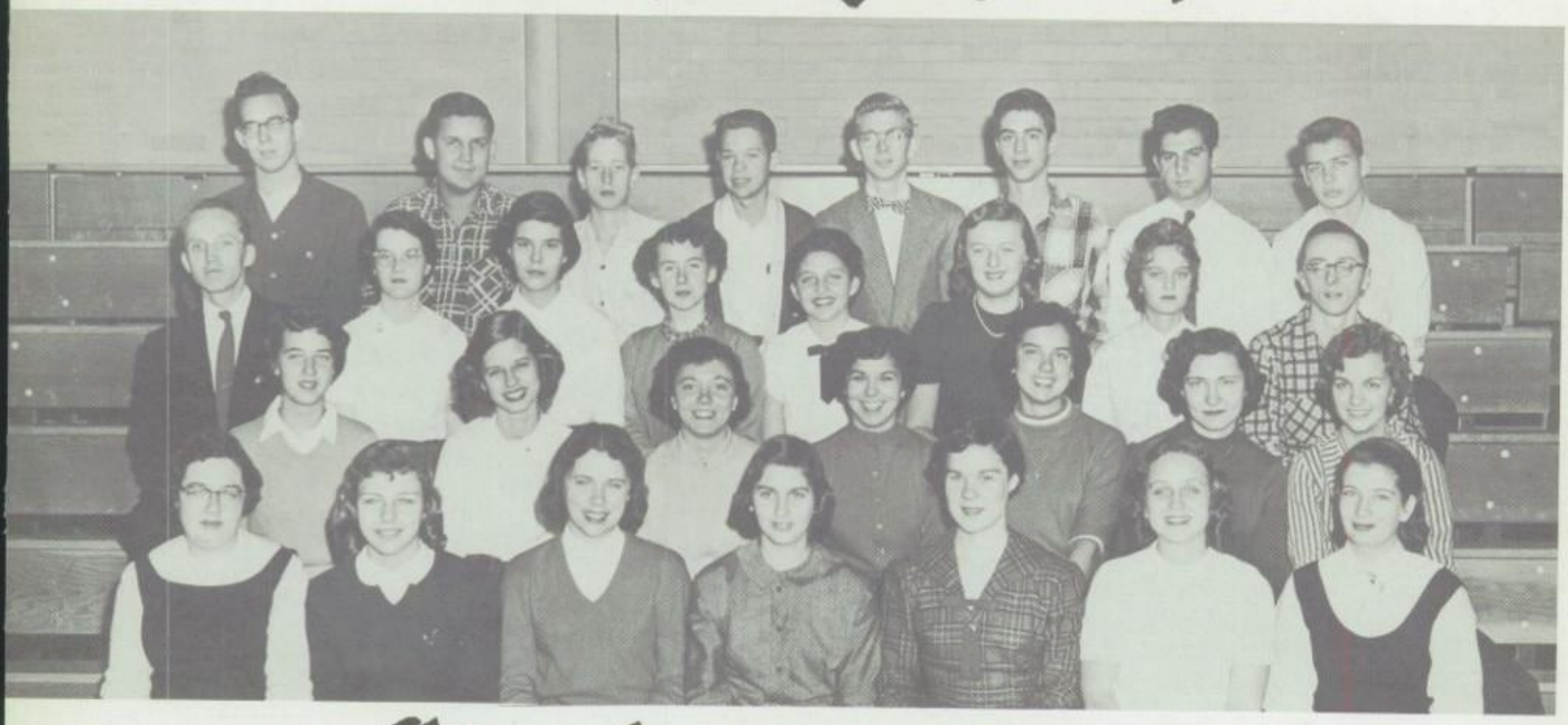
This year there were three important events held by the "Rec" Council. The first was the semi-formal New Year's Eve Dance held at the Mitchell School. Secondly was the co-ed week-end held in Colebrook at the Outdoor Center in conjunction with the Windsor Recreation Council. The highlight of the year, however, was the three-day ski trip to Stowe, Vermont, taken during the Winter Vacation. Denise Eisenhauer and James Winslow were Co-chairmen of this event. The trip provided all the ski enthusiasts not only an opportunity to enjoy three days of skiing, but also the occasion to take part in various other social activities which the trip provides.

National Honor Society

First Row: J. Taylor, M. Peterson, R. Smolenski, S. Toubman. Second Row: V. Ambrose, M. Skorupski, J. Ford, M. Oliver, N. Lane, A. Prentice, E. Mislick, M. Gometz, E. Truex. Third Row: D. Kelleher, C. Gianetti, W. Abbate, R. Steele, D. Messer, R. Randall, P. Dexter, G. Goff, T. Holbrook, E. Magnuson, S. Cornwell, M. Kalber, A. Ward, M. Neville, L. Carter, S. Gionfriddo, R. Kerber, R. Webb, W. Kirsheman.

Foreign Policy Club

First Row: M. Peterson, E. Truex, S. Harris, R. Goodwin, C. Gray, S. Trombly, B. Steinberg, J. Carlin, J. Ford, M. Gometz, R. Jerome. Second Row: P. Wilder, P. Carone, J. Goodell, N. Detweiler, S. Merithew, P. Fagan, P. Larson, T. Holbrook, B. Kutsavage, A. Costa, M. Fagan, Mr. Backman. Third Row: B. Griswold, P. Cullina, L. Clark, R. Maurer, R. Mazzorana, D. Pavasars, S. Gionfriddo, D. Wilson, P. Moss, J. Pratt.



Elm Leaves Staff

First Row: M. Cody, M. Wahl, S. Harris, J. Valentine, P. Dexter, J. Cirilli, A. Ward. Second Row: N. Guardiani, L. Snow, A. De Bonee, M. Della Rocco, M. Brizes, J. La Marre, M. Oliver. Third Row: Mr. Mellen, L. Fullerton, F. Chidsey, D. Stuart, D. Stevens, M. Peterson, P. Carone, R. Kerber. Fourth Row: D. Wilson, A. Serksnas, L. Libby, R. Abbe, L. Carter, D. Messer, S. Gionfriddo, T. Achenback.

Traffic Squad

First Row: A. Prentice, C. Chidsey, J. Taylor, M. Goldberg, Miss Brimner, M. Gometz, M. Hayes, E. Mislick. Second Row: E. Truex, G. Fay, D. Kelleher, R. Grabner, E. Greene, R. Wamester, J. Beal, V. Ambrose. Third Row: R. Steele, R. Smolenski.

Footlighters

First Row: D. Stevens, C. Broadhead, M. Jefferies, J. Valentine, J. Haines, M. Cody, J. Desovich, M. Wahl, P. Landers, M. Neville, S. Cornwell, R. Jerome, B. Shuttleworth, D. Tilley, I. Pia, C. Wolcott. Second Row: Mrs. Wilson, R. Wilder, L. Bower, M. Obermuller, G. Goff, S. Harris, J. Emerson, J. Herman, M. Calber, T. Holbrook, M. Fagan, V. Amrein, S. Wood, B. Dickinson, J. Ford. Third Row: B. Rivoire, R. Smith, P. Misorski, B. Krauk, J. Cirilli, P. Carone, J. Taylor, M. Oliver, C. Chidsey, S. Toubman, J. Thompson, M. Martyn, E. Terrell, J. Pearson, M. Gometz. Fourth Row: J. Morell, J. Hutchins, K. Keeney, J. Lilly, V. Russell, K. Marshall, J. Dune, G. Davis, M. O'Shea, R. Miller, C. Dietenhofer, D. Perry, L. Sunderland, K. Hope, C. Landeen, M. Clark, J. Carlin. Fifth Row: D. Messer, R. Kerber, R. LeFoll, W. Abbot, R. Jones, J. Pratt, P. Stevens, D. Gigliotti, R. Daniels, P. Moos, W. Kirsheman, T. Achenbach, R. Agne, K. Walworth. Sixth Row: P. Dexter, R. Havourd, B. Crane, J. Roberts, G. Brown, T. Standish, P. Carlberg, L. Carter.

National Thespian Society

First Row: C. Wolcott, D. Gigliotti, P. Stevens, Mr. Smith, J. Pratt, M. Gometz, J. Ford. Second Row: R. Kerber, D. Messer, S. Toubman, S. Harris, L. Carter, D. Wilson, B. Crane, J. Taylor, M. Peterson, C. Chidsey, R. Jones.

Choir

First Row: M. Hayes, P. Rust, J. Morell, R. Randall, M. Peterson, J. Taylor, M. Oliver, C. Chidsey, S. Toubman, M. Gometz, J. Carlin, E. Truex, L. Griggs, N. Lance, J. Grob, L. DeMauro. Second Row: Miss Foster, P. Dexter, L. Bauer, S. Harris, J. Carr, B. Krauk, J. Thompson, R. Jerome, P. Hart, B. Brown, A. Martyn, M. Zima, E. Wiley, B. Cioto, D. Stuart, C. Dietenhofer, J. Francoline. Third Row: M. Pellettieri, D. Stevens, K. Marshall, J. Cirilli, V. Russell, J. Shanley, R. Vicino, F. Chidsey, J. Warren, B. Rivoire, W. Jones, L. Fullerton, B. Dickenson, J. Denalsky, S. Trombley, J. Conlin. Fourth Row: R. Sparveri, R. Jones, A. Almandinger, J. Haines, J. Valentine, S. Piper, B. Kessler, B. Goodrich, G. Enquist, J. Ritch, J. Larrabee, A. Ward, D. Chicoine, G. Goff, C. Goff, T. Kablick. Fifth Row: P. Mehl, W. Kirsheman, R. Havourd, B. Crane, G. Spencer, R. Daniels, D. Goodine, G. Grover, B. Burpee, D. Webster, J. Waples, W. Abbate, B. Griswold, R. Fippinger.

Girls' Chorus

First Row: K. Hope, S. Hasting, D. Spellman, A. Clapp, A. DiCioccio, S. Lowell, M. Neckermann, M. Spazian, Miss Foster. Second Row: A. Messenger, M. O'Shea, V. King, J. Haiko, J. Mason, P. Gainty, J. Erikson, D. Chicoine. Third Row: R. Smith, M. Souppa, R. Romanelli, S. Hannum, J. DiMartino, I. Pia, M. Balfore, J. Page. Fourth Row: J. Sciaretta, H. Corneliusson, M. Albert, R. Pacholski, J. Ford, M. Fagan.

Latin Club

First Row: C. Struzenski, G. Guilmartin, I. Donovan, G. Enquist, J. Conlin, K. Keeney, J. Francoline, J. Meyer, K. Hummel, B. Dickenson. Second Row: E. Harris, S. Lowell, R. Wilder, R. Miller, M. O'Shea, R. Romanelli, N. Riordan, M. L. Messina, C. Dietenhofer, Mrs. Humphrey. Third Row: E. Harrington, A. Sipala, S. Hannum, J. Young, M. Obermuller, E. Wiley, W. Grant, P. Hunter, G. Kromas, B. Elder, J. Mason. Fourth Row: C. Goff, D. Goodine, P. Misorski, J. Warren, B. Rivoire, R. Smith, L. Blackman, W. Jones, C. Broadhead, J. Lilly, J. Ritch, W. Dotchin. Fifth Row: J. Dunn, J. Winslow, L. Clark, R. Hayes, J. Mulvihill, E. Barlow, G. Davis, F. Sears, D. MacRae, J. Rugar, T. Standish, J. Hickey, T. Kablick.

Girls' Leaders Club

First Row: P. Carone, A. Prentice, J. Taylor, E. Truex, S. Piper, B. Schroll, J. Watson, L. Griggs, P. Rose, J. Ostrowski, J. Carlin. Second Row: J. Emerson, M. Balfour, N. Guardiani, B. Gray, R. Goodwin, G. Kromas, L. Leslie, M. Corcoran, E. Sharpe, R. Yocom, M. Mabey. Third Row: S. Fippinger, A. Richmond, M. Wahl, D. Matthews, B. Watson, E. Turner, S. Hastings, K. Hope, P. Dexter, P. Ford, R. Jerome. Fourth Row: Miss Curtis.

French Club

First Row: Miss Bolduc, N. Cassidy, R. Randall, E. Magnuson, L. Bauer, Mr. Mellen. Second Row: S. Piper, J. Cirilli, M. Cutler, J. Herman. Third Row: G. Goff, B. Kessler, J. Haines, J. Taylor, D. Pavasars, S. Gionfriddo, N. Detweiler, M. Kalber, J. Emerson, J. Hutchins.

Fire Squad

First Row: G. Benkovich, C. Wallace, D. Messer, R. Wright, R. Kerber, T. Hull, R. Havourd, Mr. Parker. Second Row: S. Winnem, W. Kolouch, B. Griswold, J. Francis, R. Grabner, R. Steele, D. Wilson, J. Pratt, A. Serksnas.

Lens and Lights

First Row: S. Whinnem, J. Roberts, B. Kolouch, R. Havourd. Second Row: D. Messer, B. Crane, J. Francis, R. Kerber. Third Row: Mr. Wilson, J. Pratt, L. Carter.

Band

First Row: R. Hope, D. D'Esopo, J. Whaples, W. Dotchin, P. Pellettieri, R. Agne, L. DeMauro, J. LeGeyt, P. Barker, D. Wilson. Second Row: Mr. Westcott, J. Webster, R. LeFoll, C. Porter, L. Carter.

Camera Club

Standing: R. Havourd. First Row: Mr. Lewis, R. Mann, R. Hayes, B. Kutsavage, A. Costa, R. Agne, C. Kromas. Second Row: B. Crane, R. Kerber, W. Kersheman, W. Kolouch, K. Walworth, R. Degree. Third Row: J. Roberts, R. Daniels.

Senior Play Cast

First Row: J. Ruglio, J. Taylor, J. Ford, J. La Marre, C. Chidsey, S. Merithew, C. Wolcott, M. Brizes, M. Gometz, M. Oliver, P. Carone, Mr. Smith. Second Row: Miss Kelley, R. Jones, R. Skelly, R. Smolenski, M. Peterson, S. Toubman, J. Goodell, P. Rust, R. Randall, J. Morell, B. Kessler. M. Hayes, Mrs. Windsor. Third Row: Mr. Wilson, J. Deeks, M. Murphy, D. Wilson, R. Fippenger, D. Kelleher, J. Donaghue, Mr. Mellen, R. Mann, J. Pratt, B. Coughlin, W. Dougherty.

Senior Plays

Senior Play Staff

First Row: B. Elder, S. Provencher, J. Scheller, S. Piper, D. Messer, R. Kerber, L. Carter, J. Webster, C. Cugno, P. Rust, A. Almandinger, M. Balfour, C. King. Second Row: A. Costa, M. Tryaskus, B. Tracy, D. Caldwell, P. Dawidowicz, M. Albert, P. Larson, R. Yocum, M. Hayes, J. Ostrowski, A. De Bonee, M. Mabey, P. Rose, J. Grob. Third Row: W. Kolluch, M. Cutler, J. Watson, B. Schroll, E. Mislick, P. Riley, M. Carr, C. Pellettieri, R. Bradley, E. Greene, B. Kutsavage, N. Stefano, J. Steege, M. Della Rocco, D. Gigliotti. Fourth Row: P. Moos, N. Kudla, J. Carlin, E. Truex, N. Detweiler, A. Prentice, S. Moore, P. Wilder, E. Sterling, A. Di Battisto, S. Charter, J. Hutchins, B. Janek, J. Desovitch, P. Desorcie. Fifth Row: S. Fippinger, S. Harris, P. Dexter, A. Serksnas, S. Gionfriddo, R. Ringenback, A. Vignone, J. Roberts, B. Crane, S. Nazzaro, D. Hawkins, Miss Kelley, Miss Cheney, Mr. Wilson.

The Kid Makes Up His Mind

The Widow's Plight

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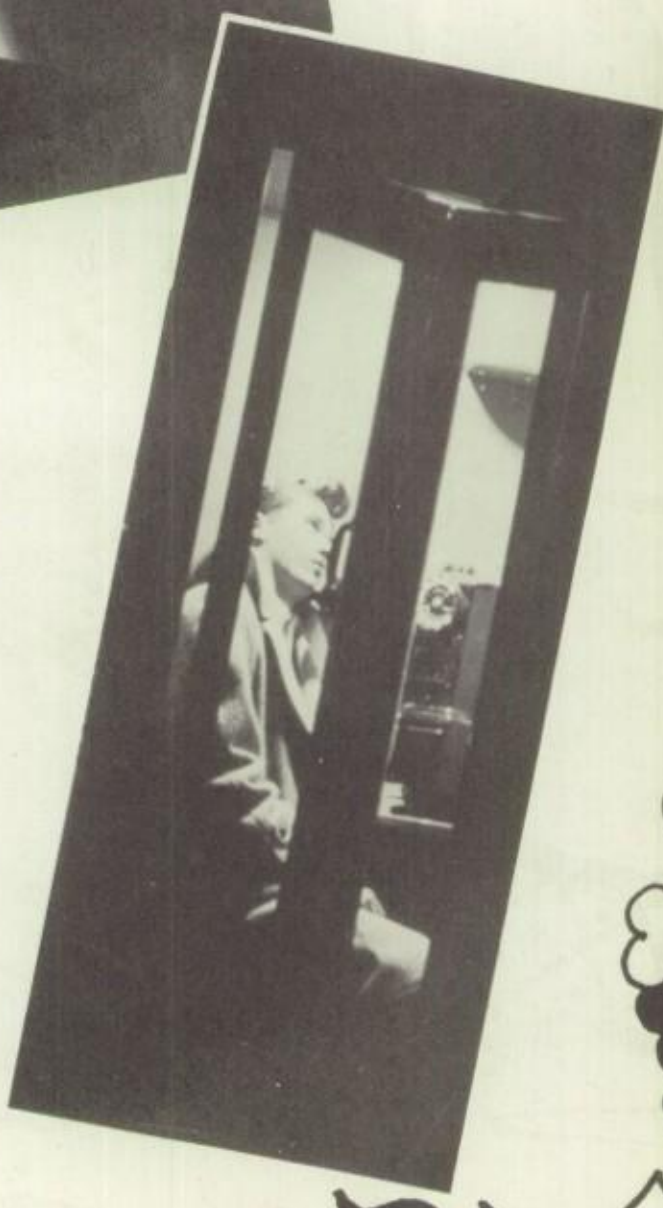

Castle Capers

DELTA DELTA

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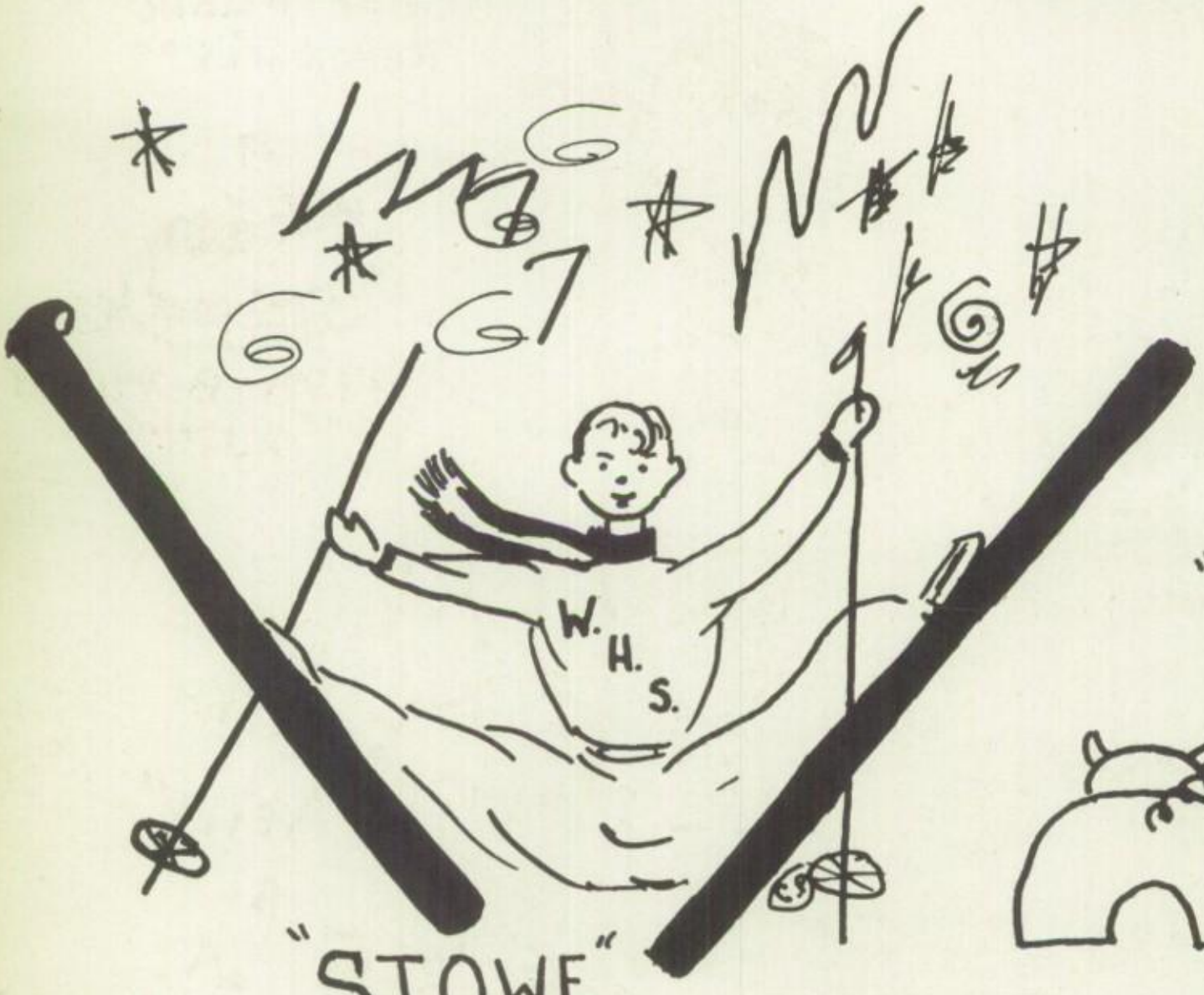
Remember?

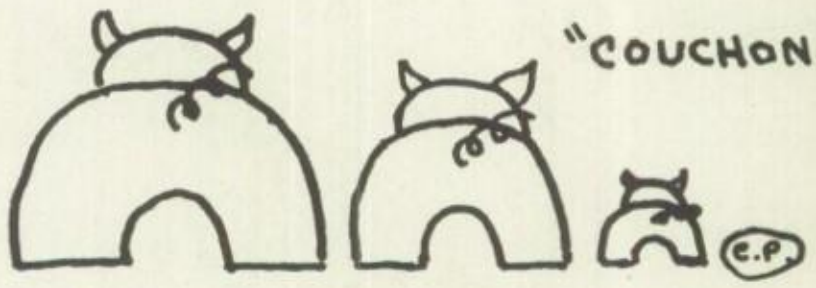
THOSE LAB. EXPERIMENTS?

"SNEAKIN' IN THE PIKE?"



"STOWE"

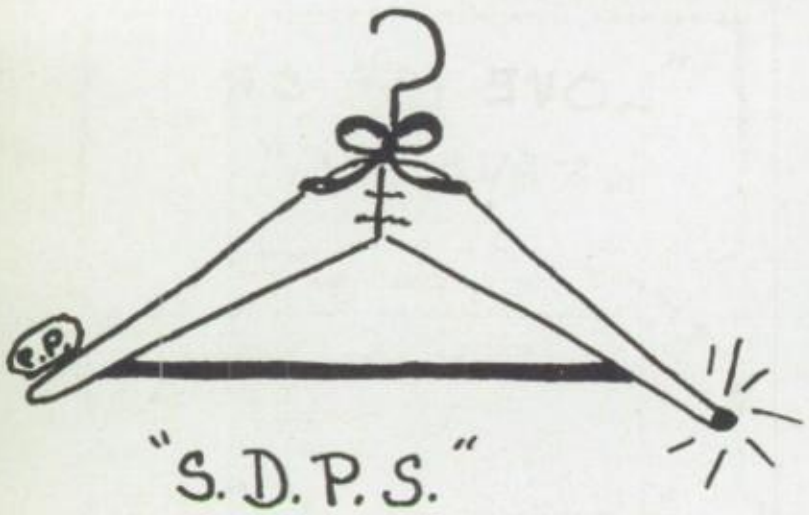
"GOLF CLUB?"



"COUCHON"!!

"THREE GIANT STEPS — AND -A- LEAP."

Remember?



"S. D. P. S."

Miss "Pop It" of 1956?!
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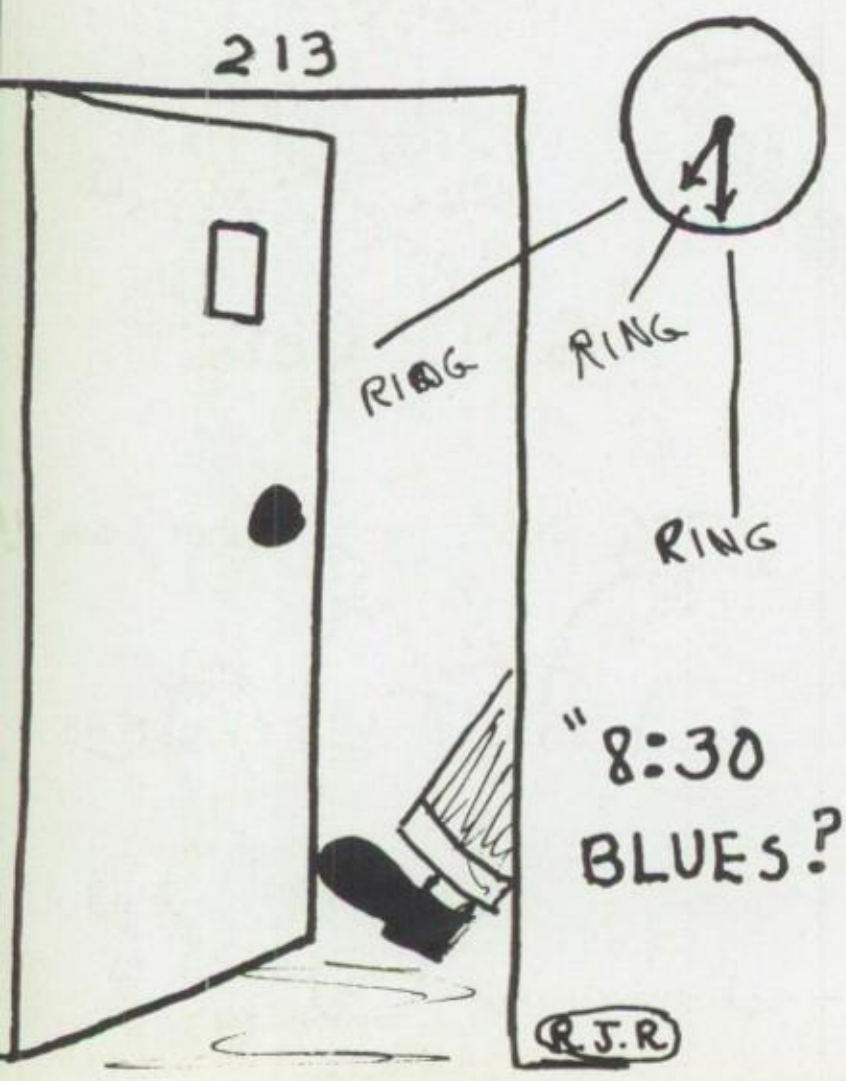
"SENIOR CHOIR REHERSALS?"

"MOTHER HEN?"

"HAZER" + HER PIXIE CUT"

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY EILEN"



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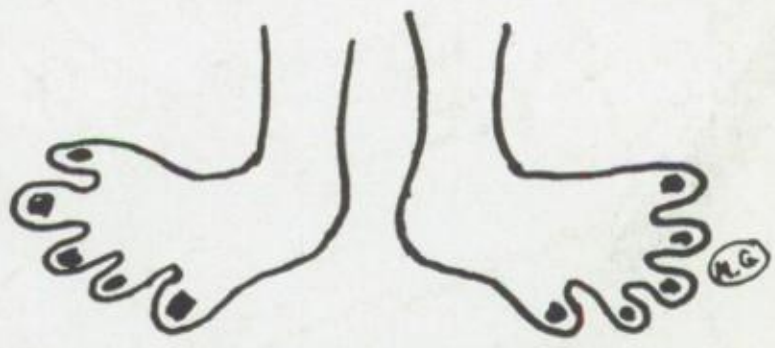
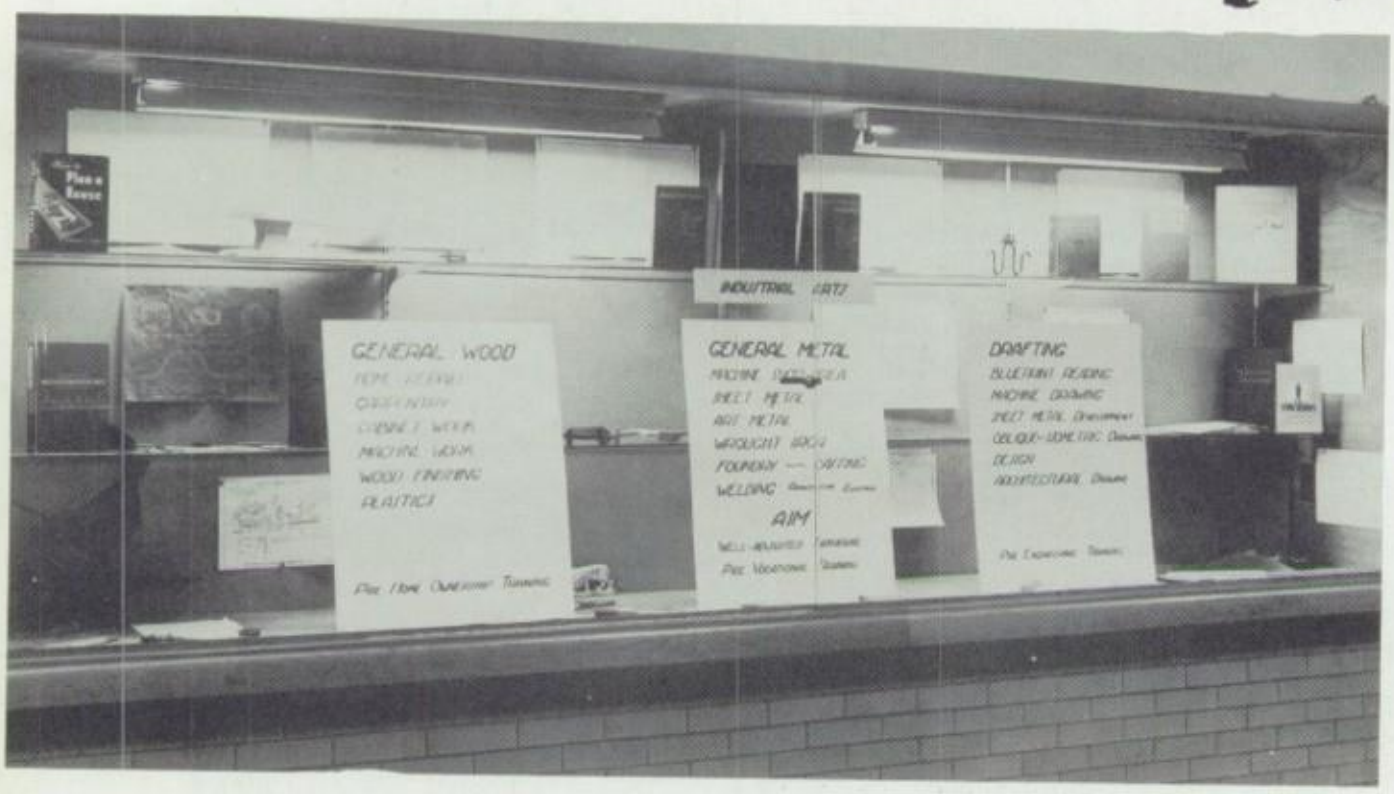
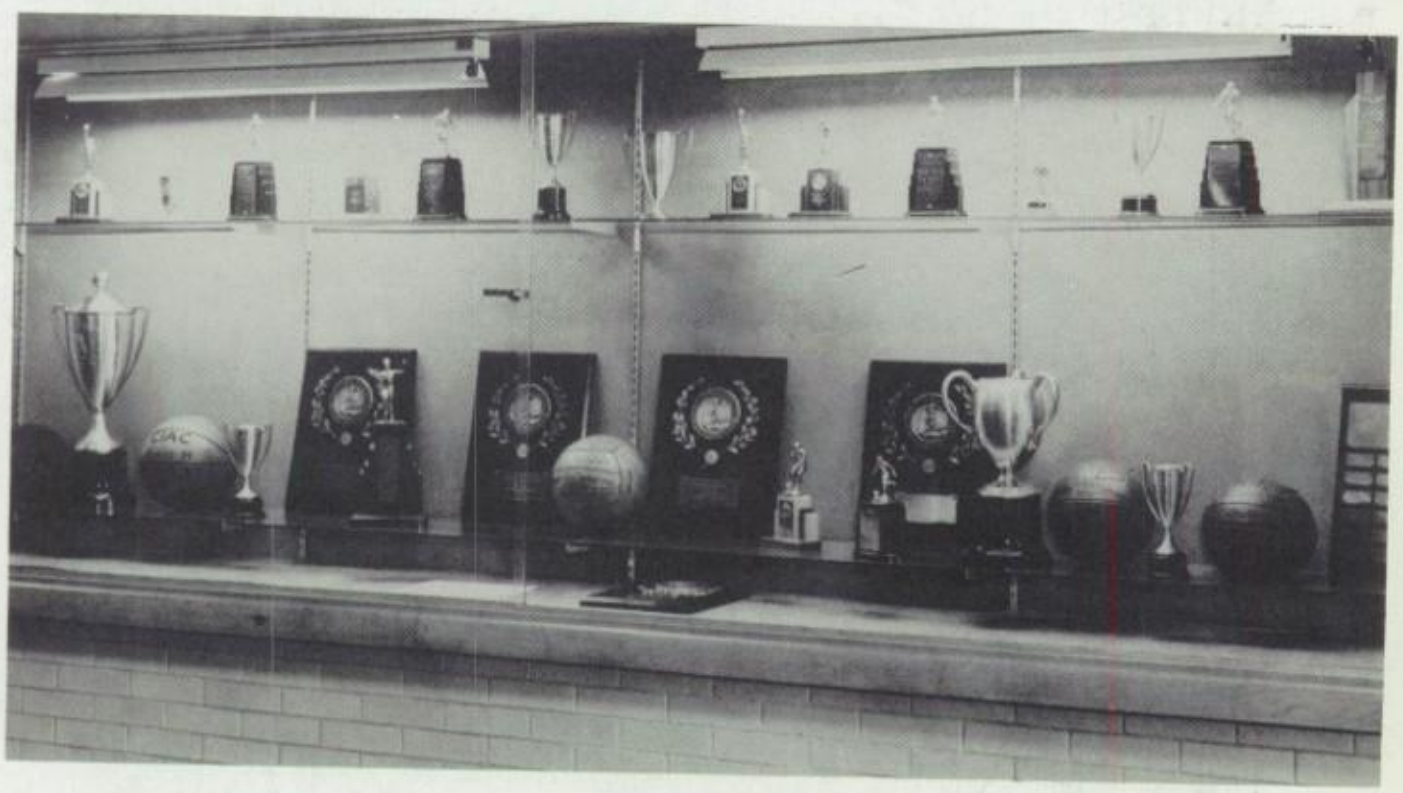


"FEET MES AMIS"

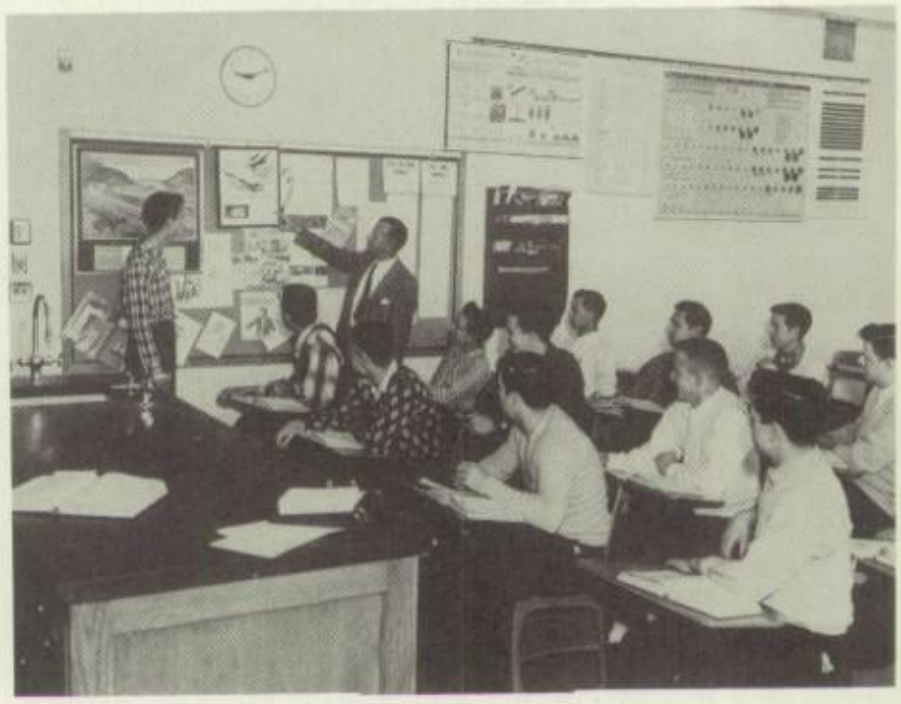
Court Prom

Castle Displays





Through the Castle



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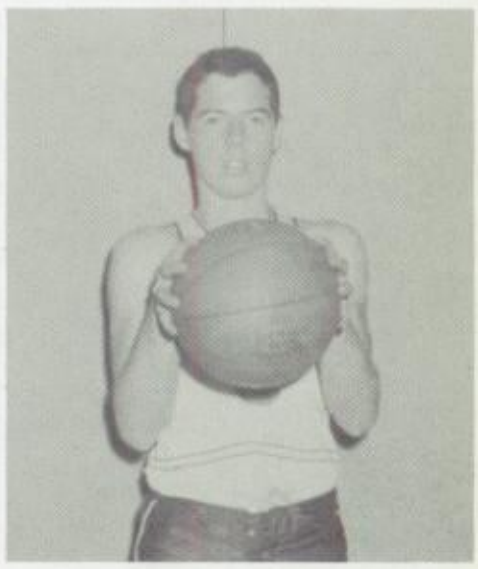

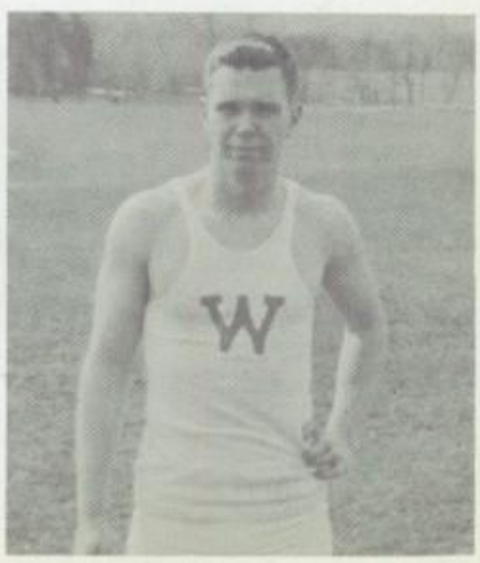

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Varsity Soccer Co-Champs

With many fine seniors graduated and a perfect record to live up to, Wethersfield started the 1955 season with five successive victories over Rockville, Newington, Windsor, Glastonbury, and Manchester. Greene, Hock, Sjostrom and St. Amand contributed most of the scoring punch during this stretch. Rockville ended Wethersfield's streak when it held the undefeated team to a 1-1 tie as Sjostrom scored Wethersfield's lone goal.

Wethersfield then rebounded with a series of four straight wins highlighted with a 3-2 win over Hall with T. Rushforth, Hock and Greene providing the winning margin.

The team's record of 9 wins, 1 tie and no losses was changed when a greatly improved Glastonbury team defeated us 3-1. This ended a two season winning record at 20 games.

The forward line led by Greene, St. Amand and Hock scored a total of 34 goals, while the opposition scored but 12. The halfback line led by the uncomparable Couch, with fine Sophomores D. Rushforth and Allen, proved to be the team's greatest asset.

The fullbacks, Winalski, Captain, and Anagnos saved many a goal for Wethersfield, while goalie DiBattista played great in allowing only 12 opposing goals.

The season's totals of 9-1-1 qualified us for tournament play, in which we defeated Manchester 4-2 and went to the finals to meet our familiar rival Hall. This game turned out to be one of the finest tournament games seen, as the two evenly matched teams battled to a scoreless tie for sixty-six minutes — the results, State Co-Champions.

Graduation will take many stars from the team but with many fine young players and a coach who gets better with experience, next year's team should fare well.

Front Row: Manager F. Sears, D. MacRae, B. Wetherell, P. Schaefer, J. Corona, C. Watras, S. Badolato. Second Row: J. Plaza, R. Drennan, J. Mulvihill, Mr. Hutnick, T. Strong, P. Sjostrom, J. Chiarizio, Manager; R. Havourd.

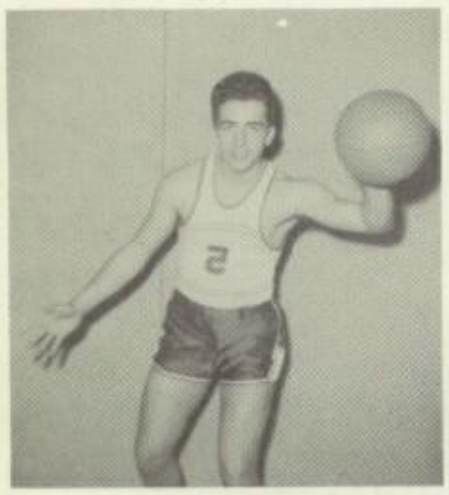
J.V. Basketball

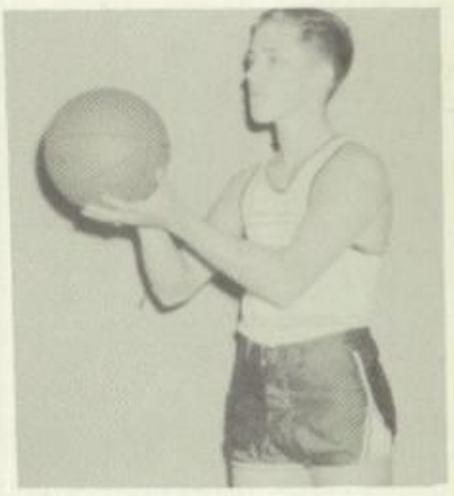
The Wethersfield High J.V.'s had a record of 7 wins and 9 defeats, which wasn't a terrific one: but the team did display excellent teamwork and some outstanding individual players. There were Wetheral and Shafer who displayed tremendous rebounding ability. Rushforth and Traut proved themselves to be excellent shots and fine backcourt men. Pete Sjostrom and Jim Corona added greatly to the team effort with fine all around performances.

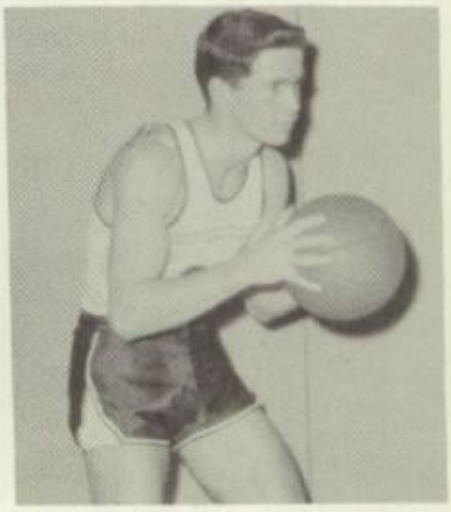
The standout effect of this team was that it was a "Team" in every sense of the word. The boys worked with a great deal of determination and were spurred on by the able coaching of Mr. Hutnick.

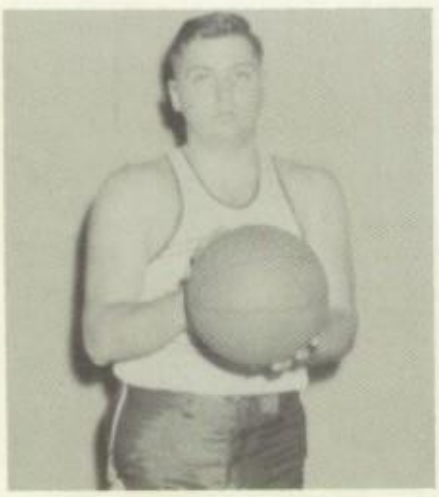
The team displayed many fine traits, which should definitely pay off next year for Wethersfield.

Varsity Basketball

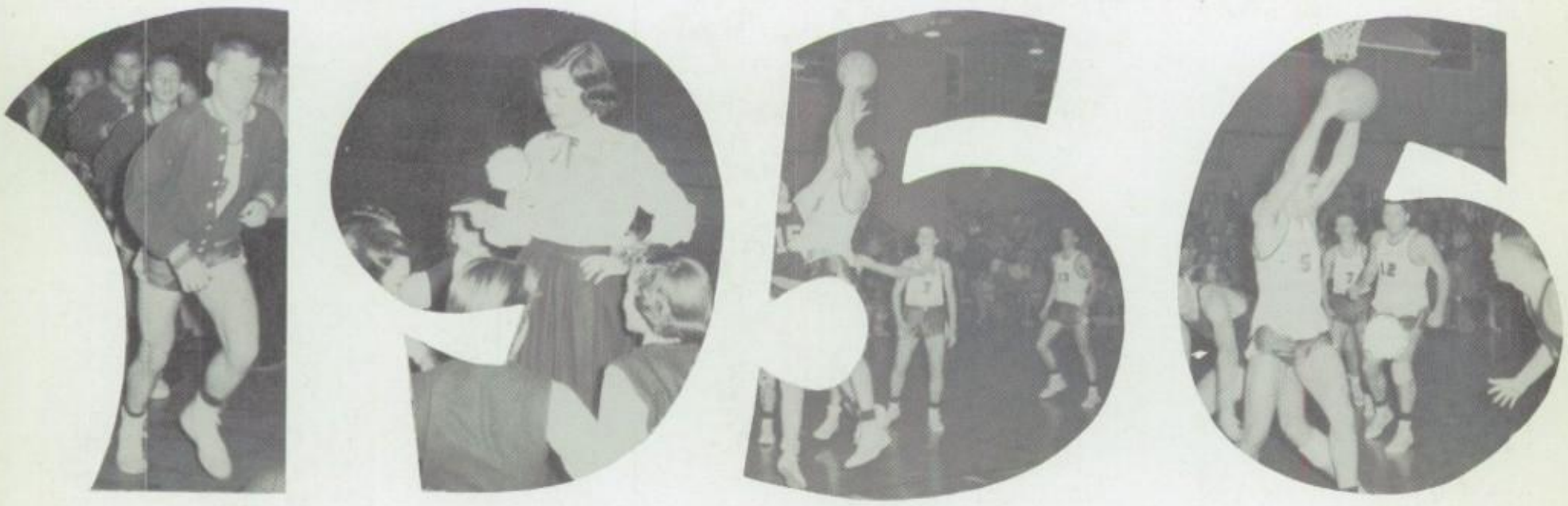








Left to Right: C. Winalski, T. Drennan, R. St. Amand, D. Traut, Captain J. Beal, R. O'Brien, D. Rushforth, R. Allen, R. Smolenski, Managers; F. Sears, R. Havourd, Coach Mason.



The squad which consisted of Beal, Couch, Drennen, Sjostrom, and St. Amand started off this season with two defeats at the hands of Rockville and Farmington. Then the Eagles' prolific scoring ace and Captain, Jay Beal, led the team to two inspiring victories over Glastonbury and Windsor. Beal scored a total of 84 points in these two games. The team continued to win as it edged out Plainville 51 to 48.

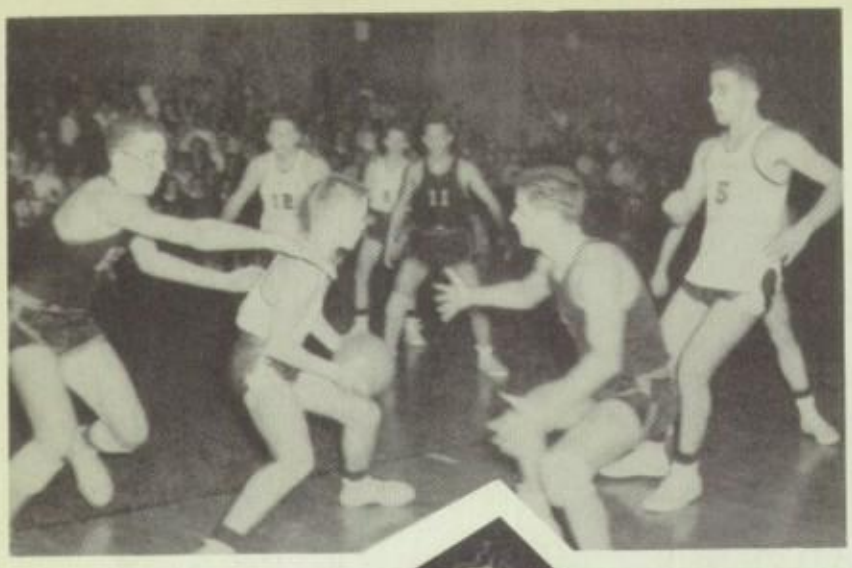
Next, the Masonmen climbed out of the B league into the A to meet Hall. This game proved to be the thriller of the season, but the Eagles were tripped up by two points in a double overtime. In the following game, Beal poured in 35 points as the Eagles thundered a 63 to 49 defeat over the Alumni.

The Alumni win started off a string of six consecutive victories over Middletown, Newington, Farmington, Rockville, and Windsor. Throughout this string of victories, Beal continued to pour in basket after basket, but it took outstanding rebounding of Couch and Drennen, and the hustling of St. Amand and Sjostrom to make the club really tick.

This string was broken, however, as Glastonbury handed the Eagles a 90 to 85 defeat. Then the boys bounced back, knocking off Middletown and Wilson in succession. After these two wins, the Eagles found themselves in first place of the Valley B League, but then the black cloud covered the team. Big Art Couch was unable to play in the last two important games. Probably because of this, the Eagles were downed by Plainville and Newington, in exciting but disappointing games.

However, the Masonmen ended up with a fine record of 12 wins and 6 defeats. With this record, the Eagles have won themselves a place in the State tournament.

Prospects look good again for next season with starters Pete Sjostrom, a real hustler, and Tom Drennen, a terrific rebounder and scorer, returning. Other varsity men returning will be Allen and O'Brien. The junior varsity will be sending up some real hoopsters also; Trout, Carona, and Shafer, to name a few. Good luck next year, fellows, from the Class of '56.



YETHERSFIELD

G. Enquist, J. Zimmerman, L. Sunderland, J. Goodell, Co-Captain; M. A. Hayes, Captain; V. Ambrose, E. Truex, M. Neville, D. Perry, J. Ritch.

Cheerleaders

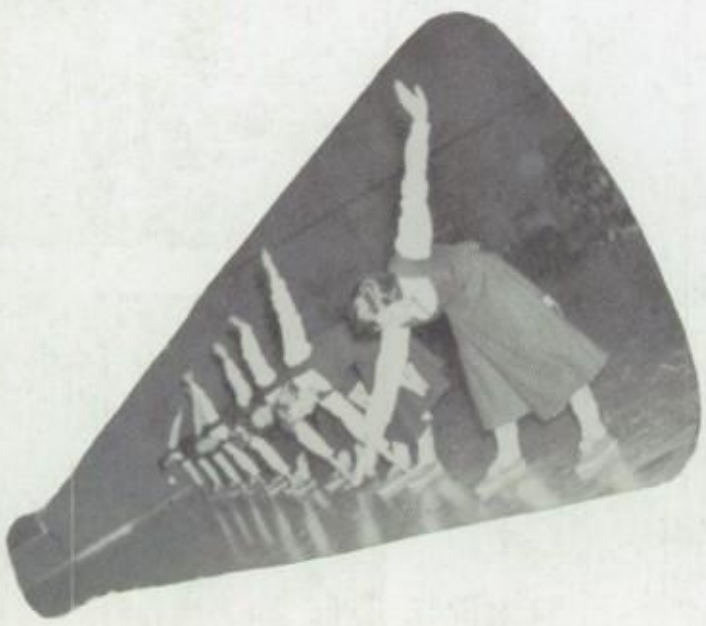
This year the Cheerleading Squad consisted of ten girls; seven regulars, and three alternates. By having only seven regular cheerleaders, it gave a different alternate the opportunity to cheer at every game.

After attending a clinic at New Haven last year, the cheerleaders had many definite ideas about cheering this year. They practiced very diligently every Thursday afternoon and tried to perfect some new cheers, while also trying to incorporate "The Eagle," our newly adopted mascot, into some of the old cheers.

The squad consisting of Captain Virginia Ambrose, Assistant Captain Maryann Hayes, Judy Goodell, Betsy Truex, Marcia Neville, Darleen Perry, Laurie Sunderland, Judy Zimmerman, Gayanne Enquist, and Joan Ritch, cheered with great enthusiasm, and their efforts were rewarded as the Soccer team went into the State finals and we became State Co-Champions.

Basketball season is always thrilling and one of the cheers which seemed to appeal to the crowds attending the games was the new "Indian Chant."

The Squad is looking forward to Spring when the members hope to attend another Clinic at New Haven, and also to next year when they will have new uniforms.



First Row: J. Beal, E. Greene, R. Smolenski, L. Jope, R. Steele. Second Row: J. Charizio, A. Boyer, R. Wamester, P. Deresinski. Third Row: D. Dinunzio, A. DeBattista.

Absent from picture: C. Matthews, R. St. Amand, J. LeTendre, G. Carpenter, Captain; Allen Wamester.

Varsity Baseball '55

Wethersfield ended its 1955 baseball campaign with the cry "wait till next year." The baseball Eagles turned in a mediocre 6-8 record and finished fifth in a good Central Valley B League. Ed Greene batted a .356 clip to lead the team, while Angie DiBattista finished the season eight points behind him at .348.

A "hot" and "cold" ball club all season, the Eagles finally exploded one hot afternoon in Rockville. A seven-run splurge in the second inning stung the Yellow Jackets into early submission, and Jay Beal went on to rack up a 3 hit shutout. The other five victories were of the less-spectacular variety. Lyn Jope lost a heart-breaker at Newington when the Indians squeezed across a ninth inning run to take a 1-0 verdict. Richie St. Amand led the moundsmen with a 3-0 season record, and Beal compiled a 2.97 E.R.A.

With ten members of last year's squad expected to ink their 1956 contracts, a most successful baseball season is anticipated.

Golf '55

Golf was reactivated at W. H. S. approximately seven years ago. Since that time it has steadily increased its importance. Last year the linksmen compiled a record of 12 wins, 2 defeats, and 2 ties; and finished sixth in the state tournaments.

The prospects for the squad look good again this year, with veterans Pete Sjostrom, Captain-elect Jack Donaghue, and Jim MacNiel returning. With such hopefuls as Mike Low, Bob O'Brian, and Chuck Difazio coming along, the team is looking forward to another successful season.

J. Donaghue, M. Low, Mr. Lewis, R. O'Brien, P. Sjostrom, J. MacNeil.

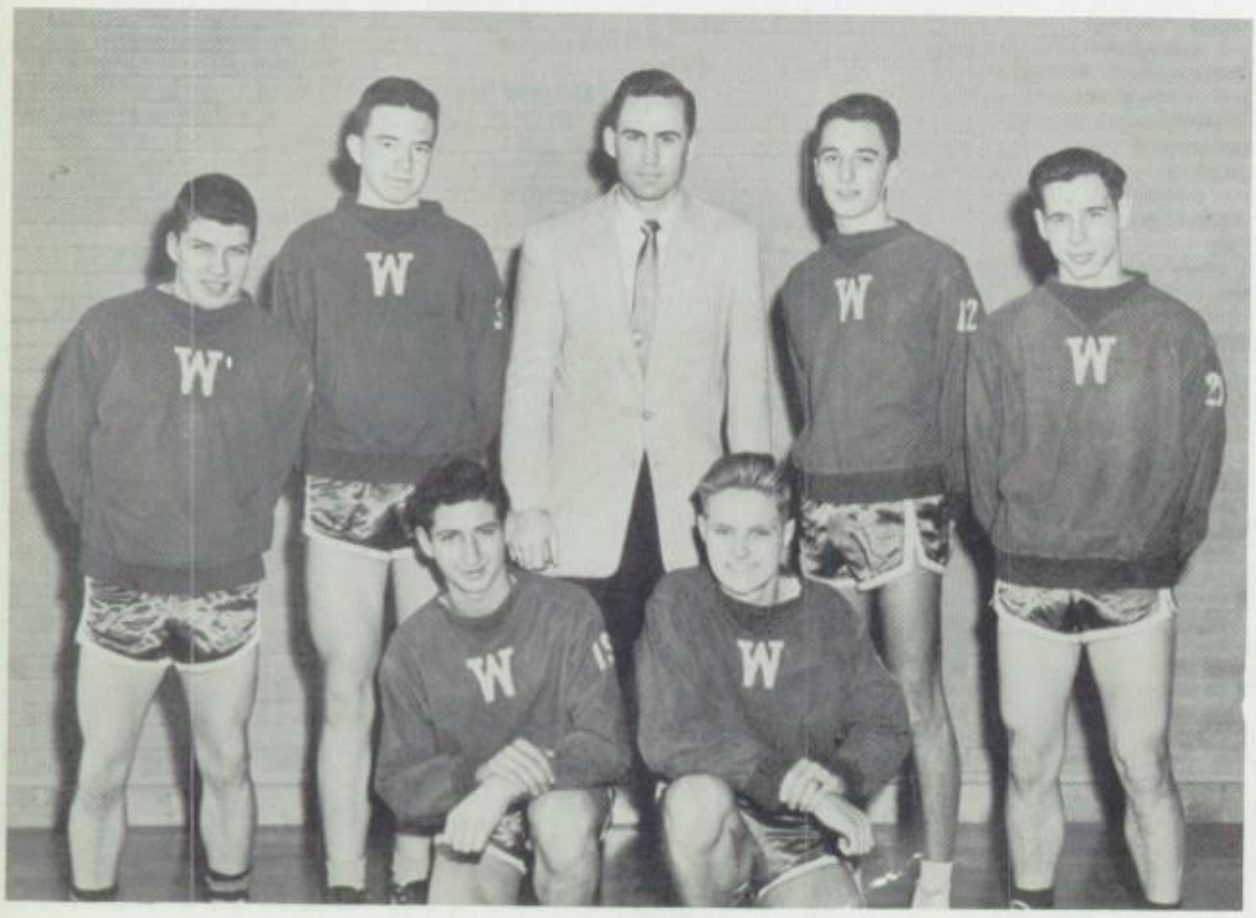
Front Row: W. Holden, K. Mellen, P. Pellettieri, K. Anderson, W. Abbate, T. Wilson, C. Sandburg. Back Row: J. Jennings, J. Fernandez, R. Jones, R. Grabner, Mr. Kess, F. Bragdon, R. Luce, R. Kelleher, R. Peters, B. Kirkpatrick.

Varsity Track '55

The Wethersfield High School track team, with several new and promising members, completed its season with a record of 1 win and 4 defeats. Although success eluded them, the team did a fine job during the season.

Kirk Mellon, a sophomore, showed great promise in hurling the discus. Bob Grabner did a laudable job in the dashes and the half mile, and he placed second in the indoor meet. Bob Luce (440) and Fred Bragdon (half mile) also did well. The high jumpers were led by Captain Brian Kirpatrick, an outstanding pole vaulter, followed by Carl Sandberg and Jim Jennings. Although the milers Fernandez and Mosher were weakened by the loss of champion miler Hub Segur, nevertheless they turned out commendable performances, and Fernandez, with more experience to his credit, should be a definite asset to the team this year.

The outlook toward the coming season is favorable, with Captain-elect Bob Grabner returning for his fourth season with several other veterans.



Front Row, l. to r.: J. Fernandez, W. Kirsheman.
Back Row, l. to r.: K. Anderson, T. Wilson, Mr. Yarrow, W. Abbate, J. Pribram.

Cross Country

This year Wethersfield High was able to have its first Cross-Country team. The team trained diligently under the supervision of Mr. Yarrow, who is also track coach. The team, led by Captain Joe Fernandez, was not very successful. It lost its three dual meets and then placed fifteenth in the state meet at the University of Connecticut. Captain-elect, Bill Abbate is hoping for a larger and better squad next year. Good luck in 1957!

Girls' Sports

J. Taylor, E. Mislick, M. Hayes, M. Balfor, Miss Curtis, J. Watson, C. Pellettieri, P. Rose, J. Ostrowski.

Basketball

The girls participated in sports for the past three years with great enthusiasm.

Basketball seems to be the top ranking sport among the girls. Each year there is a great competitive spirit between the different grades for the championship title. During the basketball season many girls participated in field trips to various high schools. Great sportsmanship was shown during these competitive games and we are proud to say that the girls of Wethersfield High won the C. I. A. C. award with a 9-0 record.

Soccer also rates high with the girls. After-school teams are formed by girls who are interested, and there is much competition among the three grades.

Volleyball, badminton and field hockey are also played in the fall and winter.

In the spring the sports program turns to the out-of-doors, to such sports as baseball and tennis. A tennis tournament is set up by the school for all girls wishing to participate.

We hope, that in years to come other girls will also take advantage of the fine facilities which we have enjoyed.

J. Grob, B. Riccardo, D. Pick-up, M. Albert, J. LaMarre, J. Ostrowski, P. Rose, B. Janak, M. Balfour, E. Mislick, C. Pellettieri, J. Watson.

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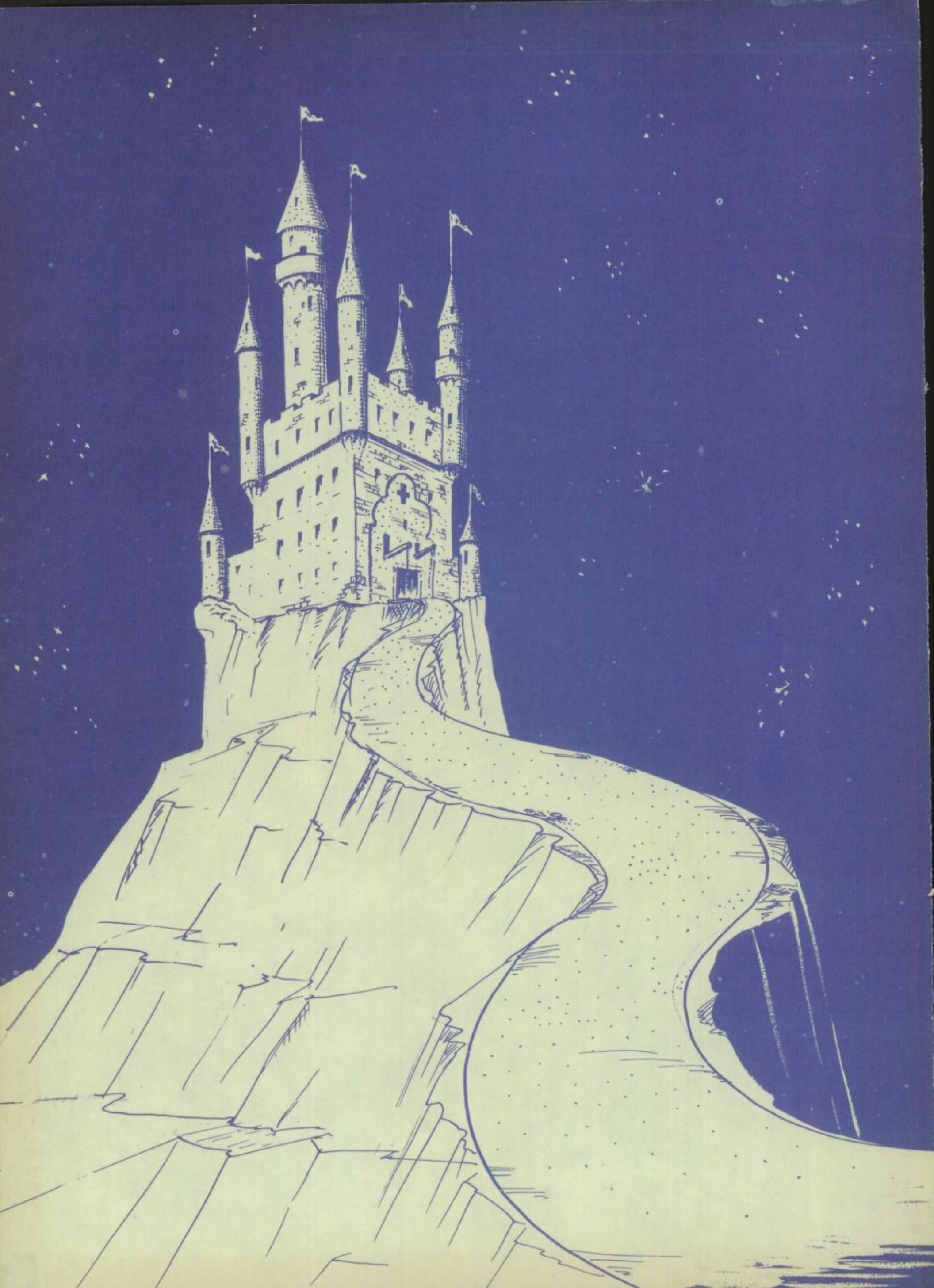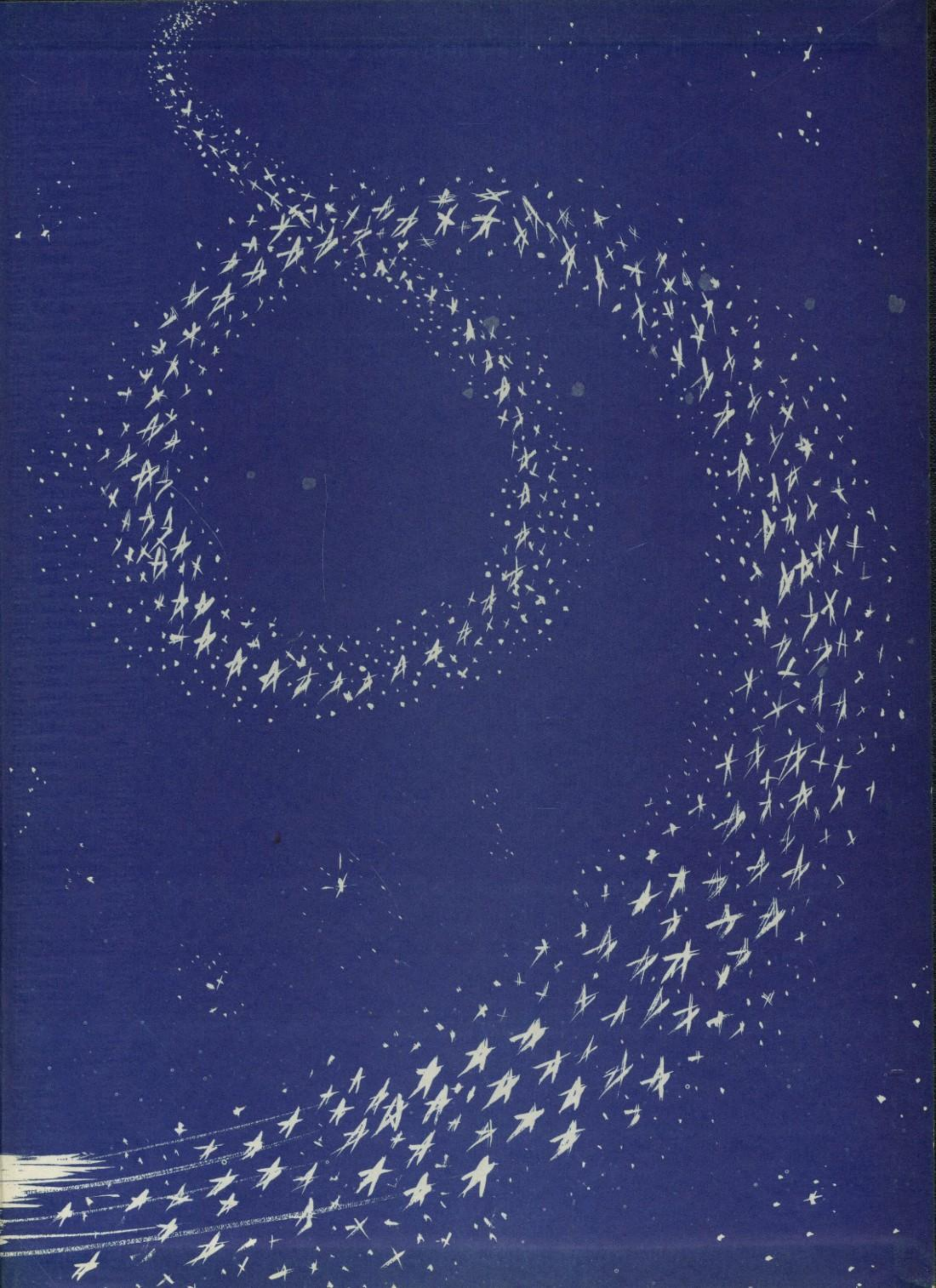
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